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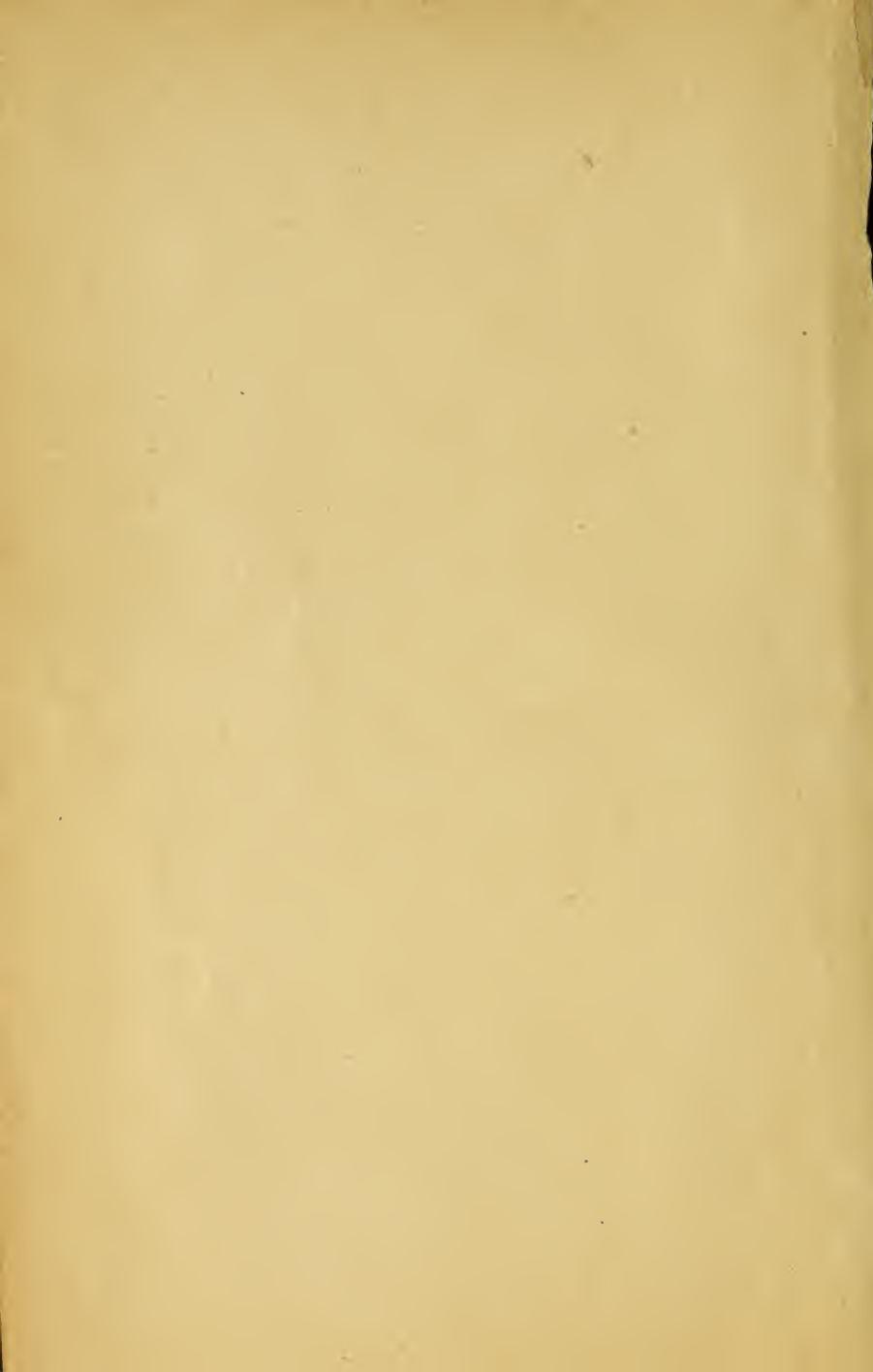
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Middleton, Mass.



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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE



Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

Town of Middleton.

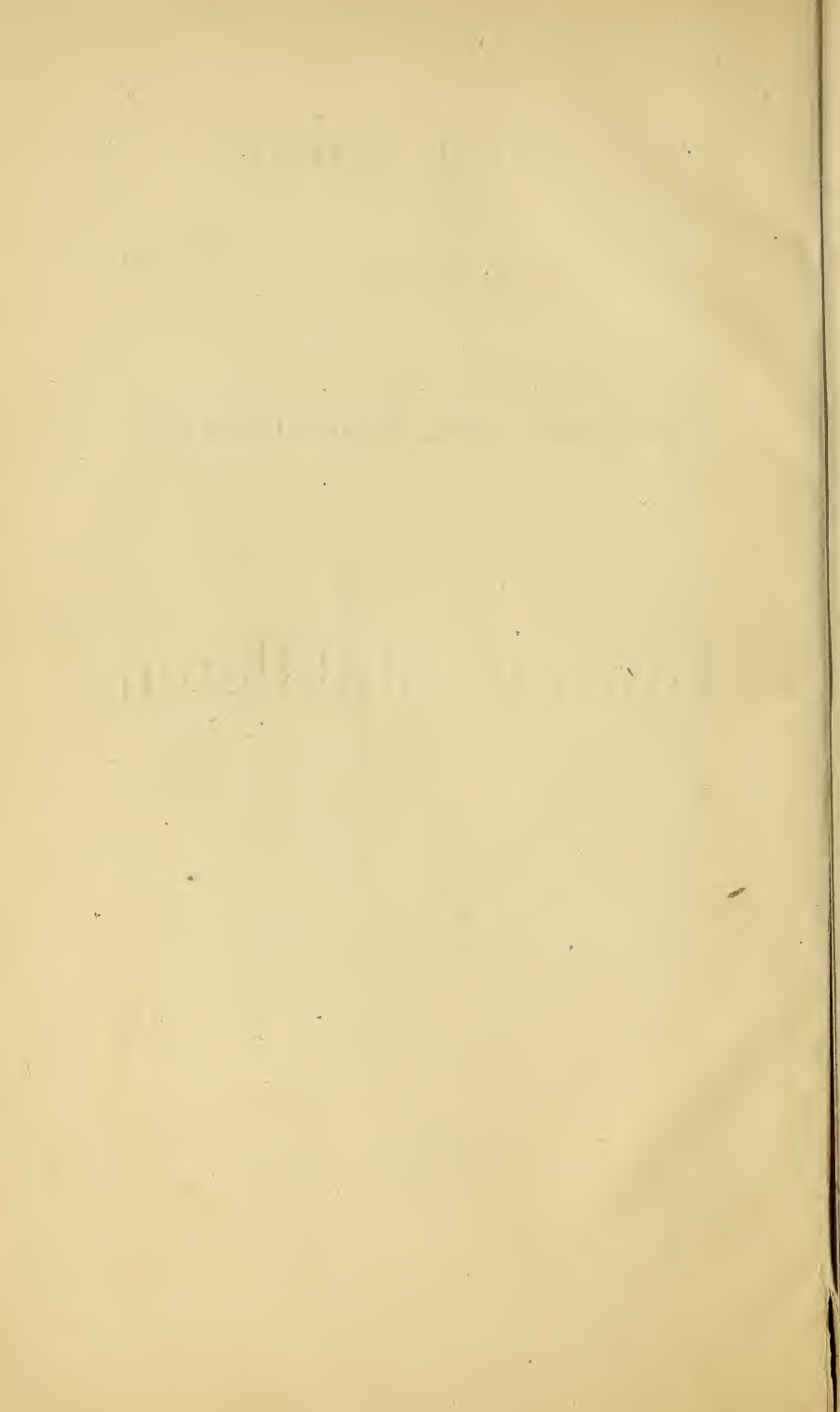
FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 20, 1880.

SALEM:

GOODELL & BATCHELDER, PRINTERS.

1880.





REPORT.

Selectmen's Department.

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Joseph A. Batchelder, as Selectman and Assessor,	\$45	00
Samuel Peabody,	47	00
Jesse W. Peabody,	45	60
O. L. Carleton, services as Treasurer,	25	00
Joseph A. Batchelder, as Town Clerk,	8	00
Simon F. Esty, collecting taxes,	45	84
J. A. Batchelder, recording marriages,		
births and deaths.....	12	70
J. A. Batchelder, auditing accounts in 1878.....	6	00
Samuel Peabody, " " " "	6	00
Jesse W. Peabody. " " " "	6	00
Martin J. Cheney, as School Committee.....	30	00
Hiram A. Stiles, " " " "	25	00
Ansel P. Tyler, " " " "	16	00
J. Hovey Eaton, as Constable.....	15	00
	<u>\$333</u>	14

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Ward 1, Levi Curtis, Surveyor, Appropriation	\$109 75
2, A. A. Averill, " " " "	85 00
3, Levi F. Atwood, " " " "	55 00
4, Eli S. Soper, " " " "	45 00
5, C. H. Richardson, " " " "	50 05
6, L. H. Wilkins, " " " "	60 00
7, Henry Peabody, " " " "	50 65
8, B. W. Peabody, " " " "	100 00
9, S. M. Peabody, " " " "	40 00
10, James Flint, " " " "	45 00

J. B. Thomas & Co., lumber for bridge.....	\$43 35
Amos Pratt, plank and labor "	15 56
James Flint, " "	5 50
John A. Curtis, " "	5 25
Samuel M. Peabody " "	6 65
Jesse W. Peabody " "	11 00
Edward W. Wilkins, lumber "	5 31
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, nails "	4 75
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	\$737 83

SNOW BILLS.

Henry Peabody's bill.....	\$ 5 25
S. E. McGlauffin "	8 25
Benj. W. Peabody "	18 24
S. A. Peabody "	2 83
Sam'l M. Peabody "	2 00
James Flint "	1 00
Porter I. Gould "	5 85
John M. Peabody "	4 20
K. F. Richardson "	6 50
L. H. Wilkins "	2 60
W. Q. Richardson "	7 00
Eli S. Soper "	2 25
Donovan & Richardson.....	5 00
Geo. P. Wilkins "	2 00
L. F. Atwood "	13 75
Benj. W. Peabody "	12 83
Levi Curtis "	6 00
C. H. Richardson "	7 90
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	\$113 45

STATE AID ACCOUNT.

Orders drawn from Feb. 1, 1879 to Feb. 1, 1880..	\$228 00
Amount paid W. W. Peabody under Chap. 252,	
Acts of 1879.....	36 50
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	\$264 50

TOWN HALL.

Augustus Shepard, care of Hall.....	\$70 00
John M. Peabody " "	10 92
Sanger Hood & Co., coal for "	11 50
Batchelder & Co., " "	45 75
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, goods for Hall.....	31 05
Daniel F. Staten, lantern for Hall.....	3 50
Augustus Shepard, supplies "	2 00
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	\$174 72
Balance in favor of Town.....	2 32
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	\$177 04

By Cash of Augustus Shepard, use of Town Hall,	\$157 29
" " John M. Peabody, " " "	9 75
" due from Cong. Society, " "	10 00
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	\$177 04

MISCELLANEOUS.

Addison Tyler, care of Cemetery two years, and returning deaths.....	\$21 00
J. Hovey Eaton, services as Fish Warden to March 1, 1880.....	5 00
E. S. Phelps, administering oaths.....	1 00
David Stiles, journey to Boston, bolts, wrenches, rods, etc.....	12 01
Robin Damon, printing fish permits and notices..	3 75
Foote & Horton, " 500 orders, for order book,	5 25
Wm. A. Sawyer, new runners for hearse and painting the same.....	50 00
Geo. A. Davis, damage sustained on highway....	3 75
Isaac R. Gates, labor and material for new pound.	31 67
Patrick Donovan, damage allowed for accident on bridge.....	25 00
Isaac R. Gates, ice-box and car fare to Salem....	35 10
Farnham Stiles, care of weights and measures....	1 50
Danvers Water Board, use of water for Cemetery,	6 00
Patrick Galespie, labor on Cemetery.....	2 25

Cyrus K. Wilkins, expressage.....	2 10
Goodell & Batchelder, printing Town and School Reports.....	32 00
Wm. A. Phelps, labor on Town Hall, 1878.....	1 35
Thomas Carlin, labor on Cemetery.....	40 00
Robin Damon, printing school reports.....	13 00
Jesse W. Peabody, journey to Boston and car fare,	2 40
J. A. Batchelder, journeys to Boston, Saugus, and Salem.....	7 00
J. A. Batchelder, cash paid, car fare, stationery, and postage.....	8 30
Abatelements.....	8 52
Interest.....	645 28
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	\$953 23

School Department.

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

L. G. McIntire, teach'g Grammar School, \$370 00	
O. R. Graves, " Primary School, 296 00	
R. P. Cheney, " " " 17 50	
H. Tyler, " " " 5 00	
Batchelder & Co., coal.....	30 00
Jeremiah Fuller, wood.....	10 83
William Berry, "	2 00
Willis Peabody, sawing wood.....	2 00
W. W. Wilkins, services as Janitor....	25 00—\$758 33

NORTH SCHOOL.

E. F. Wilkins, teaching 37 weeks.....	\$296 00
Farnham Stiles, wood.....	14 06
Luther Wilkins, "	8 00
H. A. Stiles, "	5 50
F. Stiles, sawing "	5 72
A. E. Berry, " "	1 00
W. A. Murray, care of fires.....	4 00
J. A. Burgess, " "	5 00—\$339 28

EAST SCHOOL.

J. P. Wilkins, teaching 37 weeks.....	\$296 00
J. B. Thomas & Co., wood.....	20 50
G. H. Wilkins, sawing wood.....	6 00
.. .. " care of fires.....	10 00—\$332 50
Balance due the schools.....	301 37
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	\$1,731 48
Balance due the schools last year....	\$ 143 68
Town appropriation for schools.....	1300 00
Cash received from State school fund	218 91
Cash received from dog licenses.....	68 89—\$1,731 48

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for schools.....	\$ 5 68
J. E. Fairbank, slating boards.....	7 33
Fletcher Symmes, setting glass.....	4 15
Willis W. Esty, repairs on school-house.....	2 10
J. L. Hammett, music-stand, book. etc.....	3 06
A. W. Berry, repairs on school-house.....	3 50
Eliza Bird, cleaning " ".....	5 00
E. A. Mitchell, stock and labor on school-house....	12 38
William Lever, use of well.....	2 00
J. E. Ropes, funnel for school-house.....	97
Sarah P. Batchelder, use of well.....	5 00
Wm. A. Phelps, repairs on school-house.....	6 36
Robin Damon, school cards.....	3 50
G. R. Norton, stove.....	13 00
Wm. A. Russell, cleaning clock.....	1 50
J. L. Hammett, maps, books and slating.....	19 74
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	95 27

Overseers' Department.

David Stiles, chairs and bedstead for Pat Gillispie, \$	2 45
City of Lawrence, aid for Mrs. Gillispie.....	45
Geo. W. Daniels, supplies for Mrs. Gillispie's family	6 00
P. M. Chase, medical attendance " " "	17 00
W. E. Knight, " " " " "	48 75

J. W. Peabody, drawing wood for Gillispie family,	2 00
M. E. Tyler, supplies	124 76
A. W. Peabody, "	50 44
M. E. Tyler, " G. W. Daniels,	86 79
Thomas Hoyt, " "	1 50
Jeremiah Fuller, wood	13 75
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies	5 44
A. W. Peabody, "	23 00
M. E. Tyler, " Mrs. McIntire,	52 00
A. W. Peabody, "	8 16
Jeremiah Fuller, wood	6 43
M. E. Tyler, supplies for Martha Kimball.....	14 17
Asa Howe, house rent for G. W. Daniels and Pat Gillispie.....	60 00
M. E. Tyler, supplies for H. Nichols....	3 50
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for H. Nichols....	10 00
A. W. Peabody, " "	3 91
M. E. Tyler, supplies for Mrs. Bird.....	4 00
W. H. Hutchinson, house rent for Mrs. Bird.....	15 00
City of Salem, supplies for Henry Mansfield.....	34 75
J. H. Allen, coffin for Robert Irving's child.....	5 00
Addison Tyler, burial of " " "	5 50
City of Haverhill, board for Frank Guilford.....	109 28
Town of Danvers, supplies for Richard Tiernan..	142 06
J. H. Allen, coffin for Mrs. Lucy Nichols.....	16 00
Addison Tyler, burial of " " "	6 00
John W. Peabody, board for Flint Estes.....	36 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Andrew Gould	1 50
Benj. Howe, cash paid, and services as overseer...	18 05
A. W. Peabody, cash paid for car fare, postage, and express.....	4 20
A. W. Peabody, supplies for the tramp house.....	8 34
" " " services as overseer, and locking up 201 tramps.....	35 50
J. Conlan & S. Campbell, for use of well for tramp house 2 years.....	3 00
H. A. Stiles, services as overseer.....	3 00
Unsettled bills of this year.....	45 00

Due from North Andover.....	\$ 14 17	
“ “ “ Reading.....	85 59	
“ “ the State.....	10 50	
Unsettled bills of last year paid.....	47 00	
Whole cost of supporting the poor.....	875 42	
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	\$1,032 68	\$1,032 68

Summary of Expenses.

Town Officers' Bills.....	\$333 14
Highways and Bridges.....	737 83
Removing Snow.....	113 45
State Aid Account.....	264 50
Cemetery.....	50 00
Miscellaneous.....	963 23
Appropriation for Schools.....	1,587 80
Incidental School Expense.....	95 27
Expense of Supporting the Poor.....	875 42
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	\$5,020 64

In accordance with a vote of the town, the Selectmen submit the following estimate of the sums necessary to be raised by taxation to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year :—

Current Expenses.....	\$1,800 00
Reduction of Town Debt.....	500 00
Interest on Town Debt.....	525 00
Schools.....	1,150 00
Highways.....	700 00
Bridges.....	100 00
Cemetery.....	50 00
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	\$4,825 00

O. L. CARLETON, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT CURRENT
WITH THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON, FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEB. 20, 1880.

Dr.

To balance in Treasury, Feb. 20, 1879.....	\$1,668 16
To cash of North Andover.....	130 05

State Treasurer, bank tax.....	34 30
North Reading.....	17 23
E. L. Lovejoy, peddler's license.....	6 00
J. M. Peabody, use of Town Hall.....	9 75
Different persons on Town notes.....	4,500 00
" " for Cemetery lots.....	18 75
State Treasurer, corporation tax.....	10 37
" " state aid.....	192 00
" " bank tax.....	105 70
" " from school fund.....	218 91
" " relief of soldiers.....	117 00
" " burial of paupers.....	10 00
County " dog tax refunded.....	68 89
Augustus Shepard, use of Town Hall,	157 29
M. E. Tyler, school books.....	136 31
S. Peabody, old plank.....	3 75
A. W. Peabody, on tax of 1877.....	712 04
D. E. Graves, on tax of 1878,.....	975 22
Simon F. Esty, collector.....	5,020 53
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	\$14,112 25

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By cash paid different persons on notes.....	\$4,853 00
As interest on notes.....	645 28
State Treasurer, state tax.....	135 00
On Selectmen's and Overseers' orders,	5,678 73
Balance in Treasury.....	2,800 24
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	\$14,112 25

O. L. CARLETON, TREASURER.

Assessors' Valuation of Property.

Real Estate.....	\$428,685 00
Personal Estate.....	82,481 00
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	\$511,166 00

Number of polls, 277

Tax on polls.....\$ 415 50

Tax on real and personal estate at \$1.20 per \$100... 6,133 99

\$6,549 49

Amount voted by the town for current expenses..\$2,000 00

“ “ “ “ “ “ reduction town debt, 500 00

“ “ “ “ “ “ interest..... 700 00

“ “ “ “ “ “ schools..... 1,300 00

“ “ “ “ “ “ highways..... 700 00

“ “ “ “ “ “ bridges..... 100 00

“ “ “ “ “ “ cemetery..... 50 00

“ “ “ “ “ “ library..... 400 00

State tax..... 135 00

County tax..... 440 87

Overlay on taxes..... 223 62

\$6,549 49

Selectmen's Valuation of Town Property.

Town Hall and land.....\$7,000 00

School houses and land..... 8,800 00

Lock-up and land..... 500 00

Cemetery..... 500 00

Hearse and house..... 400 00

Fire Apparatus..... 800 00

Gravel Pit..... 50 00

\$18,050 00

Financial Condition of the Town.

Amount of town notes on interest at 5 per cent.\$10,500 00

“ due the schools..... 301 37

“ “ the library..... 140 00

“ of outstanding orders..... 38 25

“ “ unsettled bills..... 100 00

\$11,079 62

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per Treasurer's account...\$2,800 24

Due for State aid reimbursements..... 262 25

Due from State for corporation tax	125 00
Due from North Reading	85 59
Due from North Andover	14 17
Due from Peabody	12 51
School books on hand	77 92
Amount of uncollected taxes of 1877	125 00
" " " 1878	406 41
" " " 1879	1,089 35
Due for Cemetery lots	117 50
" " use of Town Hall	10 00
Balance against the town	5,953 68
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	\$11,079 62
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Decrease in town debt

\$1,429 10

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	} Selectmen of Middleton.
SAMUEL PEABODY,	
JESSE W. PEABODY.	

Middleton, February 20, 1880.

The Public Library.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

The Trustees of Flint Public Library in this their first report, would congratulate the citizens of Middleton on the large and valuable accession of reading matter placed at their disposal by the generous donation of Hon. Charles L. Flint, and the gift of the books belonging to the Middleton Library Association. The former not only presented \$1,000 to the town for a Public Library, but he has contributed over 400 volumes, including Reports of the Mass. State Board of Agriculture, of which he has been Secretary since 1853. These Reports contain much that is interesting, useful and instructive.

We are greatly indebted to Chas. O. Whitmore, Esq., of Boston, for a set of Appleton's Cyclopædia, which is in itself a complete library.

Hon. J. J. H. Gregory has kindly remembered us in a present of 22 volumes.

The History of Essex County was presented by J. H. Devereux Esq. It is a large and handsome volume, a valuable addition to any library.

We are deeply grateful to all who have favored us with contributions.

We trust that this Library, which has been started under such favorable circumstances, will constantly increase in size and value, thus being a power in promoting the intelligence of the community, and if “properly cherished and maintained, become a blessing not only to the present, but to future generations.”

WILLIAM A. PHELPS.
JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,
ANSEL P. TYLER,
SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,
JAMES FLINT,
GILMAN A. KIMBALL.

} Trustees.

Middleton, Feb. 2. 1880.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Books purchased.....	712
“ presented by Library Association.....	910
“ “ Hon. C. L. Flint.....	400
“ “ Secretary of State.....	75
“ “ Hon. J. J. H. Gregory.....	22
“ “ Charles O. Whitmore, Esq.....	16
“ “ J. H. Devereux, Esq.....	1
“ “ William White.....	1
State, Official, and Law Documents.....	313
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	2,450

The Library was opened for delivery of books, August 30, 1879.

Whole number of persons to whom cards have been issued.....	405
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Books taken out during the month of Sept., 1879....	606
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ Jan., 1880.....	1,241

Circulation during the five months preceding February 1, 1880.....	4,324
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SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, LIBRARIAN.

Middleton, Feb. 2, 1880.

TREASURER OF THE FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY, IN AC-
COUNT WITH THE TRUSTEES.

Received of the Town.....	\$260 00	
" from sale of catalogues and fines	29 80	
" of Library Association.....	25 39—	\$315 19
Paid for expressage.....	\$ 11 80	
" " stock and carpenter work.....	17 77	
" " printing cards and painting....	7 25	
" S. A. Fletcher, preparing cata- logue for printing.....	72 04	40.00
" Librarian's Salary, five months.....	26 66	
" Librarian, for extra services.....	10 00	
" for miscellaneous bills.....	3 66	35.70
" " printing catalogues.....	120 00	
" " engraving, etc.....	15 20	
" " repairing old books, etc.....	23 51	
In Treasurer's hands, Feb. 18.....	7 30—	\$315 19

The amount unexpended from the one thousand dollars given by Mr. Flint for the Library is \$164.00. which is deposited in the Danvers Savings Bank.

WM. A. PHELPS, TREASURER.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

*To J. Hovey Eaton, Constable of the Town
of Middleton, in the County of Essex,*

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on MONDAY, the First Day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary town officers; by vote of the town, after the election of Moderator and town clerk, all other officers required to be chosen by ballot are to be voted for on one ticket, and the polls are to be kept open until four o'clock P. M.

Art. 3. To see how much money the town will raise to defray town charges the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

Art. 4. To see how much money the town will raise to support schools the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see how much money the town will raise to repair roads and bridges the ensuing year, and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

Art. 6. To act on a list of jurors, prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Art. 7. To see what action the town will take concerning the Cemetery.

Art. 8. To see what action the town will take in relation to letting the Town Hall.

Art. 9. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

Art. 10. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire such sums of money, in anticipation of the taxes, as may be necessary to meet current expenses.

Art. 11. To see what action the town will take for the prevention of fires, and in respect to the election and compensation of firemen.

Art. 12. To hear the report of a committee chosen to estimate the cost of an extension stage and a curtain and other appliances; and to see if the town will vote to purchase the same for Town Hall.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to purchase Hydrants and decide where to locate them, or otherwise, to see if the town will vote to purchase additional hose.

Art. 14. To see what action the town will take in relation to the fish called black bass, in Middleton pond.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office in said town, seven days at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of February, A. D. 1880.

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	} Selectmen of Middleton.
SAMUEL PEABODY.	
JESSE W. PEABODY.	

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REPORT.

Selectmen's Department.

Joseph A. Batchelder, as Selectman and Assessor,	\$48 00
Jesse W. Peabody, " "	53 00
Samuel A. Fletcher, " "	20 00
O. L. Carleton, as Treasurer.....	25 00
Joseph A. Batchelder, as Town Clerk.....	8 00
J. A. Batchelder, recording marriages, births, and deaths.....	18 20
Simon F. Esty, as Collector.....	44 50
J. Hovey Eaton, as Constable.....	15 00
J. A. Batchelder, auditing accounts in 1879 and 1880,	14 00
Jesse W. Peabody " " " "	14 00
Samuel Peabody " " " "	6 00
Martin J. Cheney, as School Committee.....	35 00
Ansel P. Tyler, " " 	18 00
H. A. Stiles, " " 	25 00
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\$343 70	

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Ward 1. A. W. Peabody, Surveyor, Appropriation	\$100 00
2. B. T. McGlauffin, " "	134 00
3. Levi F. Atwood, " "	54 00
4. Alexander Murry, " "	55 00
5. Farnham Stiles, " "	50 60
6. Asa Howe, " "	65 00
7. Henry F. White, " "	70 00
8. Lyman S. Wilkins, " "	102 50
9. Samuel M. Peabody," " "	59 00
10. Sylvanus Flint, " "	60 00

J. B. Thomas & Co., lumber for bridge.....	18 40
Calvin Putnam, “ “ “ 	74 54
Amos Pratt, repairing bridge.....	121 23
M. J. Emerson, labor on bridge.....	10 40
I. B. Peabody, “ “ 	14 40
Frank Esty, “ “ 	10 00
H. Beverly, “ “ 	16 00
Jesse W. Peabody, “ “ and cash paid.....	10 25
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, spikes for bridge.....	3 08
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	\$1.028 40

SNOW BILLS.

Lyman S. Willkins' bill.....	\$108 30
Alexander Murry “ 	10 50
L. F. Atwood “ 	26 50
B. W. Peabody “ 	15 60
Edwin L. Peabody “ 	11 80
Porter I. Gould “ in 1879.....	3 00
Geo. P. Wilkins “ “ 	2 00
Farnham Stiles “ 	14 00
A. W. Peabody “ 	19 55
H. F. White “ 	26 30
B. T. McGlaufflin “ 	53 00
Asa Howe “ 	8 00
Samuel M. Peabody “ 	8 20
John Gage “ 	1 50
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	\$308 25

TOWN HALL.

Charles A. Phelps, care of Hall.....	\$70 00
Augustus Shepard, “ “ 1880.....	8 75
“ “ supplies for “ 	1 85
H. A. Wilkins & Son “ “ 	25 10
Jeremiah Fuller, wood “ 	6 24
A. E. Berry, sawing wood “ 	1 50
Due for coal, “ 	39 00
Balance in favor of Town.....	49 81
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	\$202 25

By cash of Charles A. Phelps, use of Town Hall	170 00
“ “ Augustus Shepard “ “ “ 1880	28 75
Due for use of Town Hall	3 50
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	\$202 25

STATE AID ACCOUNT.

Orders drawn from Feb. 1, 1880 to Feb. 1, 1881	\$290 50
Amount paid to Indigent Soldiers under Chap. 252, Acts of 1879, as follows :	
Hiram Berry	81 00
David B. Peabody	12 00
William W. Peabody	54 58
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	\$438 08

MISCELLANEOUS.

William H. Johnson, care of Cemetery and returning deaths	\$ 10 00
William H. Johnson, labor on Cemetery	2 00
Thomas Carlin “ “	50 00
J. Hovey Eaton, services as Fish Warden	5 00
Cyrus K. Wilkins, expressage	2 80
M. J. Emerson, labor on fish ways	2 50
William H. Johnson, straps and staples for hearse ..	1 00
Danvers Water Board, water rates at Cemetery	3 00
Farnham Stiles, care of weights and measures	1 50
Danvers Water Board, pipe, labor and teaming	6 70
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, books	70
Little, Brown & Co., Herrick's Town Officer	2 50
Goodell & Batchelder, printing town reports	19 00
E. A. Mitchell, labor on Town Hall	1 00
Simon F. Esty, discount on taxes paid before Nov. 1,	245 22
Salem Water Board, pipe for drinking trough	35 34
Danvers Water Board, labor and material for drinking trough	55 64
A. P. Tyler, labor and teaming for drinking trough,	9 00
Charles F. Curwen, material “ “	4 19
E. A. Mitchell, painting “ “	1 00
Eastern R. R. transportation of hydrant	2 10

D. J. Harrigan, material for water pipe at cemetery,	3 86
Jesse W. Peabody, perambulating lines.....	5 00
Samuel A. Fletcher, “ “	5 00
William H. Hutchinson, gravel and grading around drinking trough.....	6 00
Jesse W. Peabody, tax collector's book.....	80
Joseph A. Batchelder, copying valuation list.....	6 00
Jesse W. Peabody, “ “ “	6 00
Cogswell's Express, book and expressage.....	95
Amount paid to firemen.....	33 00
Abatements.....	286 18
Interest	500 00
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	\$1,312 98

School Department.

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

L. G. McIntire, teaching Grammar School.....	\$360 00
C. A. Berry, “ Intermediate “	288 00
O. R. Graves, “ Primary “	288 00
Jeremiah Fuller, wood.....	15 00
Justin B. Flint, sawing wood.....	1 50
W. W. Wilkins, services as Janitor.....	32 00
W. W. Wilkins, “ “ 1879.....	12 25
Willie W. Wilkins, sawing wood.....	5 50
Justin B. Flint, services as Janitor.....	16 00
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	\$1,018 25

NORTH SCHOOL.

E. F. Wilkins, teaching 36 weeks.....	\$288 00
Farnham Stiles, wood.....	13 81
H. A. Stiles, “	3 25
Asa Howe, “	4 50
A. H. Burgess “	6 00
A. H. Burgess, sawing wood.....	4 25
A. H. Burgess, care of fires.....	10 00
H. A. Stiles, sawing wood.....	75—\$330 56

EAST SCHOOL.

J. P. Wilkins, teaching 12 weeks.....	\$ 96 00
L. F. Abbott, " 24 " 	192 00
A. P. Averill, wood.....	15 00
G. B. Killam, " 	8 00
William Berry, " 	5 30
Frank Noyes, care of fires.....	10 00
Frank Noyes, sawing wood.....	8 25—\$334 55
N. E. School Furnishing Co., music charts.....	9 00
Baker, Pratt & Co., set anatomical charts.....	14 40
O. D. Case & Co., set outline maps.....	20 00
Balance due the Schools.....	5 10
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	\$1,731 86

Balance due the Schools last year...\$	301 37
Town appropriation for Schools....	1,150 00
Amount rec'd from State School Fund,	217 45
Amount received from dog licenses..	63 04—\$1,731 86

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Maurice E. Tyler, supplies for schools.....	\$34 15
H. A. Wilkins & Sons. " " 	8 82
J. A. Burgess, Repairs on school house.....	2 50
W. A. Phelps, " " " 	65
Isaac R. Gates, " " " 	4 65
E. F. Wilkins, " " " 	1 90
Robin Damon, school cards.....	6 00
Mrs. Lever, cleaning School House.....	15 00
J. F. Porter, cushions.....	2 00
J. L. Hammett, pocket register and bell.....	1 90
A. P. Tyler, blocks and expressage.....	1 99
George P. Wilkins, use of well, 1879 and 1880....	4 50
C. H. Richardson, " " 1878.....	2 50
D. M. Esty, " " 	3 00
Sarah P. Batchelder, " " 	5 00
Elijah Richardson, repairs on school house.....	1 25
M. J. Cheney, expressage on books and sup- plies for schools.....	5 18

John Gage, cleaning clock and repairs on school house.....	4 51
William A. Russell cleaning clock.....	4 00
E. A. Mitchell, painting black board....	4 50
Goodell & Batchelder, printing school reports.....	12 50
Books supplied to scholars on exchange.....	28 30
Baker, Pratt & Co., supplies for schools.....	2 93
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	\$157 83

Overseers' Department.

M. E. Tyler, supplies for Pat Gillispie.....	\$105 83
A.W. Peabody, " " " "	36 61
A.W. Peabody, cash paid for wood for P. Gillispie,	8 25
Asa Howe, wood for Pat Gillispie.....	4 00
Peter Wait, coffin, robe and burial of Kate Gillispie,	21 00
P. M. Chase, medical attendance on " "	23 00
W. E. Knight, " " " G.W. Daniels and Kate Gillispie.....	29 00
Asa Howe, house rent for G.W. Daniels and Pat Gillispie.....	40 00
Sanger & Hood, coal for G.W. Daniels and Pat Gillispie.....	39 00
M. E. Tyler, supplies for G. W. Daniels.....	13 99
Pat Gillispie, watching with " " "	15 00
Wm. Johnson, burial of " " "	8 00
Geo. Gerry, watching with " " "	2 00
J. Donovan, " " " " "	2 00
C. S. Buflum, coffin and robe for G.W. Daniels...	15 00
A. W. Peabody, supplies " " " " ...	7 89
J. Fuller, wood " " " " ...	3 00
P. Donovan, journey to Danvers, " " " ...	1 25
P. M. Chase, medical attendance, " " " ...	10 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies, " " " ...	2 18
Mrs. Lever, washing and cleaning house, " ...	8 60
Town of Peabody, boarding Rhoda Daniels.....	87 80
Mrs. Stone, " " "	7 00
Thomas Cummings, " Eben Saunders.....	30 00

W. E. Knight, medical attendance on E. Saunders,	8 00
M. E. Tyler, supplies for Mrs. Bird.....	4 00
W. H. Hutchinson, house rent for Mrs. Bird.....	36 00
M. E. Tyler, supplies for Mrs. McIntire.....	37 90
A. W. Peabody, " " " "	15 62
J. Fuller, wood " " " "	17 23
P. M. Chase, medical attendance, Mrs. McIntire..	9 25
E. O. Fowler, " " " " ..	16 50
Asa Howe, wood for " " ..	4 00
John W. Peabody, boarding Flint Estey.....	161 70
City of Salem, " H. Mansfield.....	32 50
City of Haverhill, " Frank Guilford.....	90 55
Essex County House, " Richard Green.....	13 70
Town of Danvers, supplies for Richard Tiernan...	148 96
M. E. Tyler, " " Dennis Wells.....	10 65
A. W. Peabody, " " " "	4 73
F. P. Merriam & Co., wood and coal for D. Wells,	4 11
Mrs. Stone, use of well four years.....	4 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for A. Gould.....	38 03
A. W. Peabody, supplies for tramp house.....	1 82
A. W. Peabody, cash paid for car fare, postage, and express.....	7 37
A. W. Peabody, services as Overseer and lock- ing up 58 tramps.....	15 80
Benj. Howe, services as Overseer; stove, horse hire and car fare.....	17 95
Wm. Russell, services as Overseer.....	5 00
Unsettled bills of this year.....	85 00

Due from North Reading.....\$ 140 00

Due from Billerica..... 38 00

Unsettled bills of last year paid..... 45 00

Whole cost of supporting the poor... 1,087 27

\$1,310 77 \$1,310 77

Summary of Expenses.

Town Officer's Bills.....	\$ 343 70
Highways and Bridges.....	1,028 46
Removing Snow.....	308 25
State aid Account.....	438 08
Miscellaneous.....	1,312 98
Appropriation for schools.....	1,430 49
Incidental School Expenses.....	157 83
Expense of Supporting the Poor.....	1,087 77
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	\$6,107 56

In accordance with a vote of the town, the Selectmen submit the following estimate of the sums necessary to be raised by taxation to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year :—

Current Expenses.....	\$2,000 00
Reduction of Town Debt.....	500 00
Interest “ “ “	500 00
Schools	1,500 00
Highways	900 00
Bridges	100 00
Public Library.....	75 00
Cemetery.....	50 00
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	\$5,625 00

O. L. CARLETON, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT CURRENT
WITH THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON, FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEB. 22, 1881.

To balance in Treasury, Feb. 20, 1880.....	\$2,800 24
To cash of North Andover	14 17
North Reading	102 20
W. Eames, pedler's license.....	6 00
A. Shepard, use of Town Hall.....	20 00
Overseers, G. W. Daniel's effects ...	18 28
E. L. Lovejoy, pedler's license	6 00

State Treasurer, corporation tax.....	97 67
“ “ bank tax.....	5 61
“ “ corporation tax.....	75 62
“ “ bank tax	132 09
“ “ state aid	80 00
“ “ state aid	142 00
“ “ relief of indigent soldiers	54 00
“ “ relief of indigent soldiers	7 38
“ “ school fund.....	217 45
County Treasurer, dog tax refunded .	63 04
Billerica.....	38 00
Water Committee, water pipe sold...	8 20
M. E. Tyler, school books.....	106 39
M. J. Cheney, school books.....	11 23
A. P. Tyler, school books.....	5 00
Charles A. Phelps, use of Town Hall.	170 00
Augustus Shepard, use of Town Hall,	8 75
Different persons, for cemetery lots...	53 00
A. W. Peabody, on tax of 1877.....	125 00
D. E. Graves, on tax of 1878.....	434 90
Simon F. Esty, collector	6,110 49

\$10,912 71

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By cash paid on note.....	\$1,000 00
As interest on notes.....	500 00
State Treasurer, state tax.....	405 00
On Selectmen's and Overseer's orders,	5,958 25
Balance in Treasury.....	3,079 46

\$10,912 71

O. L. CARLETON, TREASURER.

Assessors' Valuation of Property.

Real Estate.....	\$432,885 00
Personal Estate.....	85,035 00

\$517,920 00

Number of Polls, 278.

Tax on Polls.....	\$ 556 00
Tax on Real and Personal Estate, at \$1.12 per \$100, 5,800	70
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	\$6,356 70

Amount voted by the town for current expenses,	\$1,800 00
“ “ “ reduction town debt,	800 00
“ “ “ interest.....	525 00
“ “ “ schools.....	1,150 00
“ “ “ highways.....	700 00
“ “ “ bridges.....	100 00
“ “ “ cemetery.....	50 00
“ “ “ watering trough....	150 00
State tax.....	405 00
County tax.....	440 87
Overlay on taxes.....	235 83
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	\$6,356 70

Selectmen's Valuation of Town Property.

Town Hall and Land.....	\$7,000 00
School Houses and land.....	8,800 00
Lock-up “ “	500 00
Cemetery.....	500 00
Hearse and House.....	400 00
Fire Apparatus.....	800 00
Gravel Pit.....	50 00
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	\$18,050 00

Financial Condition of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of town notes on interest 5 per. cent.	\$9,500 00
“ due the schools.....	5 10
“ “ the library.....	35 00
“ of outstanding orders.....	517 00
“ “ unsettled bills.....	200 00
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	\$10,257 10

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per Treasurer's account,	\$3,079 46
Due for State aid reimbursements.....	386 70
Due from Billerica.....	38 00
Due from North Reading.....	140 00
Due from Peabody.....	12 51
Due from State for corporation tax.....	25 00
Due for Cemetery lots.....	70 25
Due for use of Town Hall.....	3 50
School books on hand.....	102 58
Amount of uncollected taxes of 1879.....	70 00
Amount of uncollected taxes of 1880.....	704 11
Balance against the town.....	5,624 99
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	\$10,257 10
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Decrease in town debt.....	\$328 69

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER, } Selectmen
 JESSE W. PEABODY, } of
 SAMUEL A. FLETCHER. } Middleton.

Middleton, Feb., 23, 1881

The Public Library.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

During the past year there has been a growing interest in reading, if we can judge anything by the number of books taken from the Library and the constantly increasing number of persons availing themselves of its privileges.

A Social Library was organized in Middleton Oct. 26, 1872. The forty-three volumes which now remain of that collection have been presented to Flint Public Library.

Another Library organization was formed in this place in 1838, of which seventy-one volumes are now presented to us.

Hon. Charles L. Flint has given fourteen bound volumes, besides seventy-eight magazines and pamphlets.

As no Supplement has been printed, these books are not yet ready for circulation.

We would here take the opportunity to suggest to our friends that donations of books will be acceptable. We would also solicit selections of books to aid the Trustees in purchasing.

William A. Phelps,	}	Trustees.
Joseph A. Batchelder,		
Ansel P. Tyler,		
Samuel A. Fletcher,		
James Flint,		
Gilman A. Kimball.		

Middleton, Feb. 1st, 1881.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

New books purchased.....	3
Presented by Social Libraries.....	114
Hon. C. L. Flint.....	14
William Weston.....	7
William White.....	4
Director of U. S. Mint. Reports.....	4
Whole number of persons to whom cards have been issued.....	503
Circulation from Feb. 1, 1880, to Feb. 1, 1881.....	9,929
Largest number taken out at one time.....	262
Smallest " " " " " "	116

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Librarian.

Middleton, Feb. 1, 1881.

TREASURER OF THE FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TRUSTEES.

Received of the Town.....	\$105 00
“ balance of last year.....	7 30
“ from fines and cards.....	14 86
“ sale of catalogues.....	2 50—\$129 66
Paid Librarian's salary, 1 year, ending Feb. 1st.....	\$64 00
“ for expressage.....	65
“ “ insurance of books.....	15 00
“ “ repairing books.....	8 28
“ “ library lamp.....	6 50

Paid for kerosene	\$	75
“ “ lamp and chimneys.....		80
“ “ new books.....		5 43
In Treasurer's hands, Feb. 23.....	28 25—	\$129 66

The unexpended balance of Mr. Flint's gift to the town, amounting to \$164.00 with the interest, is in the Danvers Savings Bank.

WM. A. PHELPS, Treasurer.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

*To J. Hovey Eaton, Constable of the Town of
Middleton, in the County of Essex,*

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Town, on MONDAY, the Seventh day of March, next, at *nine o'clock in the forenoon*, then and there to act on the following articles:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To see how much money the town will raise to defray town charges the ensuing year, and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

ART. 4. To act on the list of Jurors, prepared and posted by the selectmen.

ART. 5. To see what action the town will take concerning the Cemetery.

ART. 6. To see what action the town will take in relation to letting the Town Hall.

ART. 7. To see if the town will purchase a road-scraper, and a gravel screen.

ART. 8. To see what action the town will take for the prevention of fires, and in respect to the election and compensation of firemen.

ART. 9. To see what regulations the town will make in regard to fishing in Middleton pond.

ART. 10. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

ART. 11. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the selectmen, to hire such sums of money in anticipation of the taxes, as may be necessary to meet current expenses.

ART. 12. To act on the following articles contained in a petition to the selectmen, signed by Augustus Shepard and forty-seven others: 1. To see if the town will provide a suitable place for the protection of the children attending the public schools, from the inclemency of the weather, between the hours of 8 o'clock A. M. and 5 o'clock P. M. during the school terms. 2. To see if the town will reimburse Henry F. White for the expense incurred in repairing the Centre School House door, and to exonerate him from all blame and responsibility in this connection.

ART. 13. On petition of M. E. Tyler and fourteen others, to see if the town will place a lamp over the watering fountain on the Square, and provide some person to take charge of the lamp and light it nights when needed; and make an appropriation for the same.

ART. 14. To act on the following article contained in a petition to the selectmen, signed by Joseph Rhodes and twenty-seven others: To see if the town will place water from the Danvers Works in the Town Hall, and provide pipe and a faucet for the same, and purchase a stove for the ante-room, and make an appropriation for the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office, in said town, seven days at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February, A. D., 1881.

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	} Selectmen of Middleton.
JESSE W. PEABODY.	
SAMUEL A. FLETCHER.	

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

Town of Middleton

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 23, 1882.



SALEM:

J. H. CHOATE & CO., PRINTERS,

1882.

REPORT.

Selectmen's Department.

J. A. Batchelder, as Selectman and Assessor.....	\$48 00
B. P. Richardson, “ “	45 75
O. L. Carleton, “ “	56 75
S. A. Fletcher, as Treasurer.....	25 00
Joseph A. Batchelder, as Town Clerk.....	8 00
J. A. Batchelder, recording marriages, births, and deaths.....	15 00
Jesse W. Peabody, as Collector.....	65 69
J. Hovey Eaton, as Constable.....	15 00
Martin J. Cheney, as School Committee.....	35 00
Ansel P. Tyler, “ “	20 00
Hiram A. Stiles, “ “	28 00
J. A. Batchelder, auditing accounts.....	6 00
B. P. Richardson “ “	6 00
O. L. Carleton “ “	6 00
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	\$380 19

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Ward 1. Levi Curtis, Surveyor, Appropriation....	\$99 25
2. O. L. Carleton, “ “	98 65
3. Levi F. Atwood, “ “	60 00
4. M. J. Emerson, “ “	63 60
5. William Q. Richardson, “ “	59 00
6. Moses Peabody, “ “	55 00
7. H. T. Sheldon, “ “	65 35
8. B. W. Peabody, “ “	92 55
9. Samuel M. Peabody, “ “	60 00
10. Sylvanus Flint, “ “	68 50
L. F. Atwood, repairs on bridge.....	3 82

Oren Peabody, light on culvert.....	1 00
H. T. Sheldon, labor on road in 1880.....	2 00
S. M. Peabody, labor on bridge.....	7 75
Moses Peabody, repairing bridge.....	3 05
O. L. Carleton, labor on bridge.....	4 00
J. B. Thomas & Co., lumber and teaming.....	42 83
Calvin Putnam, lumber and teaming.....	66 61
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, nails for bridges.....	4 37
Ward 8. J. B. Thomas & Co.....	20 12
Ward 8. O. L. Carleton,.....	15 00
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	\$892 45

SNOW BILLS

Ward 1. Levi Curtis,.....	33 00
2. O. L. Carleton.....	25 20
3. L. F. Atwood,.....	37 20
Elijah Richardson,.....	2 00
4. M. J. Emerson,.....	17 25
5. William Q. Richardson,.....	42 08
6. Moses Peabody,.....	16 40
P. Donovan,.....	6 00
J. W. Donovan,.....	3 40
Geo. H. Wells,.....	3 60
G. W. Rennard.....	5 90
H. E. Howe.....	4 00
Asa Howe.....	7 20
John Gage.....	1 50
7. H. T. Sheldon.....	33 25
8. B. W. Peabody.....	24 60
W. W. Peabody.....	4 60
J. W. Peabody.....	5 50
B. W. Peabody, Jr.....	7 20
Oren Peabody.....	3 90
J. B. Thomas & Co.....	10 80
Porter I. Gould.....	15 40
Lyman S. Wilkins.....	20 70
9. J. B. Thomas & Co.....	10 70
10. Sylvanus Flint, for 1880.....	8 00
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	\$349 38

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

EXPENSES.

Batchelder & Co., coal.....	\$40 50
F. C. Campbell, cleaning hall.....	15 80
Mary Lever, cleaning hall.....	75
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies.....	7 35
F. E. Campbell, cash paid for repairs and supplies...	1 75
F. E. Campbell, cash paid for wood.....	2 50
F. E. Campbell, services as janitor.....	54 50
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	\$123 15

RECEIPTS.

Cash received for use of hall.....	\$93 75
Balance against the town.....	29 40
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	\$123 15

STATE AID AND RELIEF OF INDIGENT SOLDIERS.

Orders drawn for State Aid from Feb. 1, 1881 to Feb. 1, 1882.....	\$216 00
Orders drawn for relief of Indigent Soldiers, from Feb. 1, 1881 to Feb. 22, 1882, as follows:	
Dennis Wells.....	84 00
Charles P. Peabody.....	51 00
Patrick Gillispie.....	28 55
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	\$379 55

SCHOOL BOOK ACCOUNT.

Amount of books on hand at the close of last year..	\$102 58
Amount of books purchased this year.....	103 82
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	\$206 40
Deduct amount of books now on hand.....	117 79
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Leaving amount of books sold.....	\$88 61

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Balance of last year's appropriation.....	\$ 35 00
Appropriation.....	75 00
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	\$110 00
Deduct amount drawn.....	50 15
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Leaving amount undrawn.....	\$59 85

MISCELLANEOUS.

Goodell & Batchelder, printing town reports.....	\$ 20 00
E. S. Phelps, administering oaths.....	1 00
Danvers Water Board, water at Cemetery.....	6 00
C. K. Wilkins, expressage.....	1 40
A. W. Tewksbury, school books.....	12 21
Knight Adams & Co., school books.....	42 73
Attleboro Machine Co., hydrant.....	38 00
Danvers Water Board, labor and material for hydrant	54 60
Thomas Carlin, care of Cemetery.....	50 00
J. A. Gillis, legal services.....	10 00
Farnham Stiles, care of weights and measures.....	1 50
W. H. Johnson, services as sexton.....	10 00
Foote & Horton, printing order book and notices..	17 87
Knight Adams & Co., school books.....	48 88
O. L. Carleton, lamp post and setting same.....	10 25
J. J. Coughlin, burying horse.....	2 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, books.....	60
J. J. Grothe, repairs on hydrants.....	2 50
M. E. Tyler, care of lamp.....	12 00
M. E. Tyler, supplies for lamp.....	7 39
J. A. Batchelder, journeys out of town.....	4 00
J. A. Batchelder, car-fare, postage, etc.....	5 85
S. A. Fletcher, postage.....	15
J. H. Eaton, services as fish warden.....	5 00
Flint Public Library, appropriation.....	50 15
Amount paid to firemen.....	35 00
Jesse W. Peabody, discount allowed on taxes.....	233 78
Abatements.....	50 38
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	\$733 24

School Department.

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

L. G. McIntire, teaching Grammar School.....	\$240 00
A. R. Killoren, " " "	120 00
C. A. Berry, " Intermediate "	300 00
O. R. Graves, " Primary "	268 00
Batchelder & Co., coal.....	106 25
Jeremiah Fuller, wood.....	17 36
William Berry, wood.....	3 00
Arthur Berry, sawing wood.....	1 00
Fred S. Flint, " "	1 50
A. C. Cheney, " "	1 50
Henry Young, " "	2 00
Willie Wilkins, services as Janitor.....	7 50
Albert C. Cheney, " "	12 00
A. B. Richardson, " "	5 00
Henry Young, " "	16 00
Willie Wilkins, preparing fuel.....	2 25

\$1,103 36

NORTH SCHOOL.

Phebe W. Tracy, teaching.....	\$300 00
E. F. Wilkins, "	6 00
John A. Burgess, wood	6 75
Farnham Stiles, "	17 61
A. E. Berry, "	11 00
A. E. Berry, sawing "	4 00
Myron C. Berry, care of fires.....	4 00—\$349 36

EAST SCHOOL.

Charles S. Averill, teaching.....	\$300 00
Frank Noyes, care of fires.....	5 00—\$305 00

\$1,757 72

Balance due the Schools..... 43 70

\$1,801 42

Balance due the Schools last year . . . \$	5 10
Town appropriation for Schools . . .	1,500 00
Am't rec'd from State School Fund.	216 17
Amount received from dog licenses..	80 15—\$1,801 42

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Goodell & Batchelder, printing School reports	\$13 00
“ “ “ “ cards	4 00
Farnum Stiles, repairing North School House	2 00
C. S. Averill, School supplies	87
A. W. Berry, work on School House	5 00
W. A. Phelps, repairs on School House	2 50
John Gage, “ East “ “	17 50
John Gage, setting glass	75
J. J. Grothe, water for Center School	5 00
J. J. Grothe, for repairs on Center School House	25
A. P. Tyler, Car fares and cash paid	12 15
H. A. Wilkins, supplies	28 38
M. E. Tyler, “	26 79
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	\$118 19

Overseers' Department.

H. A. Stiles, coal for Mrs. McIntire	\$ 2 30
G. A. Currier, milk for “ “	5 25
E. O. Fowler, medical attendance on Mrs. McIntire.	24 00
M. E. Tyler, supplies for “ “	13 60
W. S. Merrill, medicine for “ “	6 03
A. W. Peabody, supplies for “ “	6 85
J. Fuller, wood for Samuel Curry and family	10 51
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Samuel Curry and family	4 00
W. H. Hutchinson, house rent for Mrs. Bird	27 00
City of Haverhill, supplies for Frank Guilford	15 42
Sanger & Hood, coal for Pat Gillispie	18 63
M. E. Tyler, supplies “ “ “	88 19
A. W. Peabody, “ “ “ “	4 75
A. Cressy, medicine “ “ “	15 00
Asa Howe, house rent “ “ “	13 50

John Richardson, boarding Caroline Kelley.....	12 00
E. Berry, watching with Hugh Armstrong.....	2 00
J. M. Peabody, “ “ “ “	2 00
W. E. Knight, medical attendance on Hugh Armstrong.....	7 00
Town of Peabody, boarding Rhoda Daniels.....	135 75
“ “ Danvers, supplies for Richard Tiernan..	135 09
“ “ “ “ Rufus Silver and family.....	181 88
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Lydia Silver..	69
“ “ “ “ “ “ tramp house...	1 38
“ “ “ “ “ “ Andrew Gould,	52 00
City of Salem, supplies for Henry Mansfield.....	39 20
John W. Peabody, boarding Flint Estey.....	145 75
Commonwealth of Mass., boarding Mary A. Tufts,	81 41
Essex County House, boarding Richard Green....	8 86
A. W. Peabody, cash paid and services as Overseer	18 75
B. T. McGlauffin, “ “ “ “ “	25 17
J. B. Sinclair, “ “ “ “ “	5 00

Amount of orders drawn by the Overseers.....	\$1,028 96
Unsettled bills of this year.....	62 00

Due from Amesbury.....	\$ 19 00
“ “ North Reading.....	99 54
“ “ Dracut.....	12 00
“ “ the State.....	24 50
Unsettled bills of last year paid.....	85 00
Whole cost of supporting the poor...	850 92

\$1,090 96 \$1,090 96

Summary of Expenses.

Town Officers' Bills.....	\$ 380 19
Highways and Bridges.....	892 45
Removing snow.....	349 38
State Aid and Relief of Indigent Soldiers.....	379 55
Town Hall.....	123 15
Miscellaneous	733 24
Schools.....	1,757 72
Incidental School Expenses.....	118 19
Poor Department.....	1,028 96
Total amount of orders drawn.....	<u>\$5,762 83</u>

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State Tax.....	405 00
County Tax.....	440 87
	<u>\$845 87</u>

The Selectmen submit the following estimate of the sums necessary to be raised by taxation to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year :

Current Expenses.....	\$2,000 00
Reduction of Town Debt.....	500 00
Interest	450 00
Schools.....	1,200 00
Highways	800 00
Bridges	50 00
Public Library.....	50 00
Cemetery	50 00
	<u>\$5,100 00</u>

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 23, 1882.

To cash of O. L. Carleton, balance of last year's account	\$3,079 46
To cash of North Reading, pauper account.....	123 89
B. W. Peabody, old lumber.....	1 50
E. L. Lovejoy, pedler's license.....	3 00
F. E. Campbell, use of Town Hall...	93 75
State Treasurer, corporation tax.....	64 20
" " bank tax.....	7 06
" " corporation tax.....	93 08
" " bank tax.....	132 38
" " state aid.....	83 17
" " relief of indigent soldiers	286 50
" " school fund.....	216 17
County Treasurer, dog tax refunded..	80 15
" " locking up tramp..	50
Amesbury, pauper account.....	19 00
Peabody, repairing bridge.....	13 74
J. Hathaway, repairing culvert.....	14 00
Different persons, for cemetery lot....	104 00
O. L. Carleton, old lumber.....	3 25
John Gage, old lumber.....	40
M. E. Tyler, school books.....	88 61
Simon F. Estey, on tax of 1880.....	727 38
Jesse W. Peabody, collector.....	4,924 97
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	\$10,160 16

CR.

By cash paid on note.....	\$ 500 00
As interest on notes.....	425 00
State Treasurer, state tax.....	405 00
On Selectmen's and Overseer's orders	6,278 42
Balance in Treasury.....	2,551 74
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	\$10,160 16

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TREASURER.

Assessors' Valuation of Property.

Real Estate.....	\$435,475 00
Personal Estate.....	83,455 50
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	\$518,930 50

Number of Polls, 275.

Tax on Polls.....	\$ 550 00
Tax on Real and Personal Estate, at \$1.16 per \$100,	6,019 59
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	\$6,569 59

Amount voted by the town for current expenses,	\$2,000 00
" " " reduction town debt,	500 00
" " " interest	500 00
" " " schools.....	1,500 00
" " " highways.....	800 00
" " " bridges.....	100 00
" " " library.....	75 00
" " " cemetery.....	50 00
State tax.....	405 00
County tax.....	440 87
Overlay on taxes.....	198 72
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	\$6,569 59

Selectmen's Valuation of Town Property.

Flint Public Library.....	\$2,500 00
Town Hall and land.....	7,000 00
School Houses "	8,800 00
Lock-up "	500 00
Cemetery.....	500 00
Hearse and House.....	400 00
Fire Apparatus.....	600 00
Gravel Pit	50 00
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	\$20,850 00

Financial Condition of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of town notes on interest at 5 per cent. .	\$9,000 00
“ due the schools.....	43 70
“ outstanding orders.....	9 15
“ unsettled bill.....	200 00
“ due the library.....	59 85
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	\$9,312 70

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per Treasurer's account...	\$2,551 74
Due for State aid reimbursements.....	234 00
Due from State for relief of indigent soldiers....	81 78
Due from North Reading.....	99 54
Due from Dracut	12 00
Due from State.....	24 50
Due from State for corporation tax.....	100 00
Due for Cemetery lots.....	44 00
School books on hand.....	88 61
Amount of uncollected taxes of 1880.....	46 73
Amount of uncollected taxes of 1881.....	1,203 75
Balance against the town.....	4,826 05
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	\$9,312 70

Decrease in town debt.\$798 94

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	} Selectmen of Middleton.
O. L. CARLETON,	
B. P. RICHARDSON.	

Middleton, Feb. 23, 1882.

Flint Public Library.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

The Trustees of Flint Public Library are still encouraged by a steady increase in the number of those who avail themselves of the privileges of the Library, although the increase has not been so great as in the preceding year.

The whole number taken out is not so large as during last year, as many more than usual stopped taking out books during the summer months.

As we are expecting to make an addition to the books in the Library during the coming year, we would continue to solicit selections of books from the readers.

Ansel P. Tyler,	}	Trustees.
Samuel A. Fletcher,		
James Flint,		
Gilman A. Kimball,		
William A. Phelps,		
Joseph A. Batchelder.		

Middleton, Feb. 1, 1882.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Books in Library Feb. 1881.....	2,596
Since presented by William Weston, bound volumes,	4
" " " " " unbound "	16
" " " a friend.....	1
Total.....	2,617

Whole number of persons to whom cards have been issued.....	572
Circulation from Feb. 1. 1881 to Feb. 1882.....	8,568
Largest number taken out at one time.....	242
Smallest number taken at one time.....	112

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Librarian.

Middleton, Feb. 1, 1882.

TREASURERS' REPORT.

Received of the Town.....\$50 15
 from sales of catalogues, cards
 and from fines..... 16 19
 balance of last year..... 28 25—\$94 59

Paid Librarian's salary, 1 year ending
 Feb. 1st.....\$64 00
 " for record books..... 6 55
 " " repairing books..... 13 18
 " " rebinding books..... 9 68
 " " kerosene oil..... 60
 " " record book etc..... 55
 " " postage 03—\$94 59

The unexpended balance of Mr. Flint's gift to the town,
 \$164.00, with the interest, is in the Danvers Savings Bank.

WM. A. PHELPS, Treasurer.
 for Trustees of Flint Public Library.

Middleton Feb. 21, 1882.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

*To J. Hovey Eaton, Constable of the Town of
 Middleton, in the County of Essex,*

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you
 are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mid-
 dleton, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to
 meet at the Town Hall, in said Town on MONDAY, the
 sixth day of March, next, at *nine o'clock in the forenoon*,
 then and there to act on the following articles:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meet-
 ing.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the en-
 suing year.

ART. 3. To see how much money the town will raise to
 defray town charges the ensuing year, and determine how
 the same shall be appropriated.

ART. 4. To act on the list of Jurors, prepared and posted
 by the selectmen.

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 the Cemetery.

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ART. 9. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

ART. 10. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the selectmen, to hire such sums of money in anticipation of the taxes, as may be necessary to meet current expenses.

ART. 11. To see if the town will reconsider the vote wherein it voted that the Collector should give his Note for unsettled Taxes.

ART. 12. To see if the town will grant licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town the present year.

ART. 13. To act on the following article contained in a petition to the selectmen, signed by William A. Russell and nine others: To see whether the town will, by its vote or otherwise, ask the Legislature to extend to women who are citizens, the right to hold town offices and to vote in town affairs on the same terms as male citizens.

ART. 14. To see if the town will move one of the furnaces at the Town Hall to the Center School House, for the purpose of heating the same.

ART. 15. To see if the town will take a valuation of the real estate in the town the present year.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office, in said town, seven days at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February, A. D., 1882.

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	} Selectmen of Middleton.
O. L. CARLETON,	
B. P. RICHARDSON.	

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

Town of Middleton

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 23, 1883.

SALEM:
J. H. CHOATE & CO., PRINTERS,
1883.

REPORT.

Selectmen's Department.

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

J. A. Batchelder, as Selectman and Assessor.....	\$54 00
B. P. Richardson, " "	52 65
O. L. Carlton, " "	56 25
S. A. Fletcher, as Treasurer.....	25 00
J. A. Batchelder, as Town Clerk.....	8 00
J. A. Batchelder, recording marriages, births, and deaths.....	16 76
Jesse W. Peabody, as Collector.....	66 17
Cyrus K. Wilkins, as Constable.....	15 00
M. J. Cheney, as School Committee.....	35 00
Ansel P. Tyler, " "	20 00
Hiram A. Stiles " "	30 00
Farnham Stiles, as Sealer of weights and measures,	5 00
B. T. McGlauflin as Fish Warden.....	5 00
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\$388 83	

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Ward 1. Levi Curtis, Surveyor, Appropriation...	\$108 70
2. B. T. McGlauflin, " " ...	130 10
3. G. W. Brown, " " ...	73 00
4. Eli Soper, " " ...	55 00
5. John J. Coughlin, " " ...	55 00
6. Moses Peabody, " " ...	55 00
7. H. T. Sheldon, " " ...	67 10
8. Lyman S. Wilkins, " " ...	109 50
9. S. W. Peabody, " " ...	60 00
10. Sylvanus Flint, " " ...	66 00

E. W. Wilkins, labor and material.....	217 00
W. H. Hutchinson, labor and material.....	87 45
D. M. Esty, for gravel,.....	9 90
M. J. Emerson, repairing bridge.....	3 00
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	\$1,096 75

SNOW BILLS.

W. T. Martin, removing snow.....	\$ 3. 60
S. M. Peabody, “ “	3 50
Sylvanus Flint, “ “	16 00
Addison Tyler. “ “	75
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	\$23 85

STATE AID AND RELIEF OF INDIGENT SOLDIERS.

Orders drawn from State Aid from Feb. 1, 1882 to Feb. 1, 1883.....	\$205 00
Orders drawn for relief of Indigent Soldiers, from Feb. 22, 1882 to Feb. 22, 1883, as follows :	
Patrick Gillispie.....	125 80
Isaiah B. Peabody.....	123 00
Dennis Wells.....	96 00
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	\$549 80

SCHOOL BOOK ACCOUNT.

Amount of books on hand at the close of last year..	\$117 79
Amount of books purchased this year.....	89 52
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	\$207 31
Deduct amount of books now on hand.....	116 77
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Leaving amount of books sold.....	\$90 54

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

EXPENSES.

F. E. Campbell, cash paid for wood.....	\$ 3 29
F. E. Campbell, cash paid for supplies and cleaning,	3 57
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies.....	4 05
F. E. Campbell, services as janitor.....	42 40
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	\$53 31
Due for coal.....	7 50
Balance in favor of the town.....	17 19
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	\$78 00

RECEIPTS.

Cash received for use of Hall.....	\$51 75
Due for use of hall.....	26 25
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	\$78 00

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Balance of last year's appropriation.....	\$ 59 85
Appropriation	100 00
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	\$159 85
Deduct amount drawn.....	89 00
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Leaving amount undrawn.....	\$ 70 85

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. H. Choate & Co., printing town reports.....	\$ 21 00
Danvers Water Board, water at Cemetery.....	6 00
Thomas Carlin, labor at Cemetery.....	50 00
W. A. Phelps, administering oaths.....	1 00
Foote & Horton, order book.....	6 00
M. E. Tyler, care of and supplies for lamp.....	8 48
M. E. Tyler, use of team.....	1 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies.....	20

J. M. Peabody, care of street lamp.....	6 00
J. J. Grothe, Hydrant wrenches and ladder Hooks,	2 75
Cogswell & Co., expressage.....	1 60
J. W. Russell, services as sexton.....	10 00
Flint Public Library.....	89 00
Amount paid to fireman.....	27 00
Jesse W. Peabody, discount allowed on taxes.....	252 48
M. J. Tewksbury, school books.....	3 78
Knight, Adams & Co., school books.....	66 24
VanAntwerp, Bragg & Co., school books.....	19 50
J. A. Batchelder, journeys out of town.....	3 00
J. A. Batchelder, books, car-fare, postage etc.,....	7 10
Abatements.....	18 99
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	\$601 12

School Department.

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

L. G. McIntire, teaching Grammar School.....	\$140 00
M. E. Burrill, " " " 	210 00
O. R. Graves, " Primary " 	324 00
Batchelder & Co., coal.....	57 50
Albert C. Cheney, services as janitor	20 00
Albert C. Cheney, sawing wood.....	1 50
Edward Peabody, " " 	2 50
Ezra O. Richardson, services as janitor.....	15 00
Jeremiah Fuller, wood.....	11 33
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	\$781.83

EAST SCHOOL.

Charles S. Averill, teaching.....	\$324 00
M. J. Peabdy, care of fires.....	6 00
M. J. Peabody, sawing wood.....	6 50

A. P. Averill, wood.....	18 20
Willie H. Gilbert, care of fires.....	3 50
Frank L. Gilbert, " " "	3 50
William Berry, wood.....	5 00
O. S. Carlton, wood.....	14 62—\$381 32

NORTH SCHOOL.

P. M. Tracy, teaching.....	\$108 00
Lettie A. Hatch, teaching.....	216 00
Farnham Stiles, wood.....	18 64
Myron G. Berry, care of fires.....	10 00
" " sawing wood.....	3 00
Arthur E. Berry, wood and sawing....	6 00—\$361 64
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	\$1,524 79
Balance due the schools.....	118 28
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	\$1,643 07
Balance due the schools last year... \$	43 70
Town appropriation for schools....	1,300 0
Am't rec'd from State School Fund	214 76
Am't rec'd from dog licenses.....	84 61—\$1,643 07

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Charles S. Averill, blackboards and bell.....	\$ 1 85
J. H. Choate & Co., printing school reports.....	13 00
D. M. Esty, use of well 1881.....	3 00
J. F. Porter, chairs.....	2 70
E. K. Graves, setting glass.....	2 55
Elmira Commia, cleaning school room.....	5 00
Mary Lever, " " "	16 00
Fred S. Flint, labor at East School House.....	1 00
Farnham Stiles, use of well and repairs.....	4 10
W. A. Phelps, repairs on School House.....	2 00
G. B. Flint, " " " "	1 75
Boston School Supply Co., supplies.....	4 49

Boston School Supply Co., metric apparatus.....	20 00
Boston School Supply Co., report cards.....	1 50
Dennis Wells, repairs.....	5 50
A. P. Tyler, supplies.....	2 10
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies.....	6 34
M. E. Tyler, supplies.....	20 20
J. J. Grothe, use of well and repairs.....	5 25
M. J. Cheney, cash paid for expressage and repairs	1 40
M. J. Cheney, supplies.....	95
D. M. Esty, use of well, 1882.....	3 00
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	\$123 68

Overseers' Department.

Abisha Higgins, wood for Samuel Curry and family \$	5 50
M. J. Emerson, " " " " " "	3 25
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Samuel Curry and family.....	56 13
M. E. Tyler, supplies for Samuel Curry and family	3 00
A. W. Peabody, " " " " " "	9 15
Dr. Batchelder, medical attendance on Samuel Curry.....	19 50
Town of Danvers, supplies for Richard Tiernan and family.....	141 13
Town of Danvers, supplies for Rufus Silver and family.....	274 75
Batchelder & Co., Coal for Rufus Silver and family	4 00
Lois Peabody, Board for Flint Esty.....	133 00
John W. Peabody, " " " " " "	2 75
A. W. Peabody, Clothing for Flint Esty.....	5 13
Dr. Allen, medical attendance " "	6 00
Oren Peabody, Board of Mary Peabody.....	12 00
Samuel Wilkins, " " " " " "	12 76
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Andrew Gould	52 00
Town of Peabody, Board for Rhoda Daniels.....	38 14
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for tramp house..	4 88

Batchelder & Co., coal for tramp house.....	8 50	
T. J. Hutchinson, printing.....	3 90	
B. T. McGlauflin, aid rendered William Freeman,	10 37	
House of Correction, Board for Richard Green...	1 43	
City of Salem, supplies for Henry Mansfield.....	56 88	
A. W. Peabody, services and cash paid.....	14 00	
J. B. Sinclair, " " " "	7 25	
B. T. McGlauflin, " " " "	15 17	
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Amount of orders drawn by the Overseers.....	\$900 57	
Unsettled bills of this year.....	60 00	
Due from North Reading.....	\$ 96 53	
" " the State.....	39 82	
Unsettled bills of last year paid.....	62 00	
Whole cost of supporting the poor.....	762 22	
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	\$960 57	\$960 57

Summary of Expenses.

Town Officers' Bills.....	\$ 388 83	
Highways and Bridges.....	1,096 75	
Removing snow.....	23 85	
State Aid and Relief of Indigent Soldiers.....	549 80	
Town Hall expenses.....	53 31	
Miscellaneous	601 12	
Schools	1,524 79	
Incidental School Expenses.....	123 68	
Poor Department.....	900 57	
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Total amount of orders drawn.....	\$5,262 70	

STATE AND COUTY TAXES.

Paid State Tax.....	\$540 00	
County Tax.....	440 87	
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	\$980 87	

The selectmen submit the following estimate of the sums necessary to be raised by taxation to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year :

Current Expenses.....	\$2,000 00
Reduction of Town Debt.....	500 00
Interest.....	400 00
Schools.....	1,200 00
Highways.....	800 00
Bridges.....	100 00
Public Library.....	75 00
Cemetery.....	50 00
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	\$5,125 00

JESSE W. PEABODY, TAX COLLECTOR IN ACCOUNT WITH
THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON.

Dr.

Tax list of 1882\$6,621 84

Cr.

Am't paid Treasurer on list of 1882.\$4,953 15

“ of County Tax paid..... 440 87

Uncollected on tax list of 1882 1,227 82

\$6,621 84

Dr.

Bal. of tax list of 1881 as per last year's report..\$1,203 75

Interest collected..... 29 26

\$1,233 01

Cr.

Paid Treasurer on tax list of 1881.....\$884 23

Uncollected on tax list of 1881..... 348 78

\$1,233 01

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 23, 1883.

Dr.

To balance of last year's account.....	\$2,551 74
To cash of State Treasurer, corporation tax.....	60 15
B. T. McGlauflin.....	3 00
North Reading.....	99 54
Dracut.....	12 00
O. L. Carlton.....	100 00
State Treasurer, corporation tax.....	106 23
" " bank tax.....	161 46
" " state aid	216 00
" " relief of indigent soldiers	66 50
" " school fund.....	214 76
County Treasurer, dog tax refunded...	84 61
Town of Danvers, gravel.....	1 20
F. E. Campbell, use of Town Hall...	51 75
Different persons, for cemetery lots...	12 00
E. L. Lovejoy, peddler's license.....	3 00
M. E. Tyler, school books.....	90 54
S. F. Esty, on tax of 1880.....	70 84
Jesse W. Peabody, on tax of 1881....	884 23
J. W. Peabody, collector, on tax of 1882	4,953 15
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	\$9,742 70

Cr.

By cash paid on note.....	\$ 500 00
as interest on notes.....	425 00
for standard weight.....	3 00
State Treasurer, state tax	540 00
on Selectmen's and Over-	
seer's orders.....	5,268 16
Balance in Treasury.....	3,006 54
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	\$9,742 70

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TREASURER.

Assessors' Valuation of Property.

Real Estate.....	\$445,545 00
Personal Estate.....	64,108 00
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	\$509,653 00

Number of Polls, 253.

Tax on Polls\$ 506 00

Rate of Taxation \$1.20 per \$100.

Tax on Real Estate..... 5,346 54

Tax on Personal Estate..... 769 30

\$6,621 84

Amount voted by the town for current expenses, \$2,000 00

“ “ “ reduction town debt, 500 00

“ “ “ interest 450 00

“ “ “ schools 1,300 00

“ “ “ highways..... 1,100 00

“ “ “ library..... 100 00

“ “ “ cemetery..... 50 00

State tax..... 540 00

County tax..... 440 87

Overlay on taxes..... 140 97

\$6,621 84

Selectmen's Valuation of Town Property.

Flint Public Library.....\$2,500 00

Town Hall and land..... 7,000 00

School Houses “ 8,800 00

Lock-up “ 500 00

Cemetery..... 500 00

Hearse and House..... 400 00

Fire Apparatus..... 600 00

Gravel Pit 50 00

\$20,850 00

Financial Condition of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of town notes on interest at 5 per cent..	\$8,500 00
“ due the schools.....	118 28
“ outstanding orders.....	8 35
“ due the library.....	70 85
“ of unsettled bills.....	100 00
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	\$8,797 48

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per Treasurer's account...	\$3,006 54
Due for State aid reimbursements.....	205 00
Due from State for relief of indigent soldiers....	172 40
Due from State on pauper account.....	39 82
Due from North Reading on pauper account....	96 53
Due from State for corporation tax.....	50 00
Due for cemetery lots.....	44 00
School books on hand.....	116 77
Amount of uncollected taxes of 1880.....	19 22
Amount of uncollected taxes for 1881.....	348 78
Amount of uncollected taxes of 1882.....	1,227 82
Balance against the town.....	3,470 60
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	\$8,797 48

Decrease in town debt.....\$1,355 45

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	}	Selectmen of Middleton.
B. P. RICHARDSON,		
O. L. CARLTON.		

Middleton, Feb. 23, 1883.

Flint Public Library.

THE TRUSTEES OF FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY HEREWITH
PRESENT THEIR FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT.

It seems that the number of books circulated during the past year is not so large as in the few preceding years, but those who are acquainted with the facts in the case will readily perceive that this is owing partly to the removal from town of many who were constant readers; some of our readers have been removed by death, while others have been too busy to take out as many books as formerly.

Some of the books of the Library are getting somewhat dilapidated, many have been rebound, some for the second time and we would take this opportunity to caution those who take books, or have the care of the young people who take them, to see that the books are carefully handled.

We have the pleasure of announcing the addition to the Library of 109 new books recently purchased, also quite a number which have been presented, including 114 volumes formerly belonging to the two Social Library organizations which have existed in town.

Owing to an unavoidable delay in getting the Supplements ready they have not been in circulation before.

William A. Phelps.
Joseph A. Batchelder.
Ansel P. Tyler.
Samuel A. Fletcher.
James Flint,
Gilman A. Kimball.

} Trustees.

Middleton. Feb. 1. 1883.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Books in Library Feb. 1, 1882.....	2,617
Books purchased.....	109
“ Presented by James Flint	2
“ “ Mary H. Flint.....	1
“ “ William A. Phelps.....	2
“ “ William Western, bound volumes,	3
“ “ “ “ unbound “	4
“ “ Swendenborg Publishing Asso'n.	8
Catalogue of the Peabody Institute, Danvers, Mass.	1
Total	<u>2,747</u>

Books taken out of Library from Feb. 1, 1882 to Feb.	
1, 1883.....	6,054
Whole number of cards issued to date not including	
those which are to replace others.....	605

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Librarian.

Middleton, Feb. 1, 1883.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of the Town.....	\$ 89 00
“ from unexpended money of Mr. Flint	110 04
“ “ sale of catalogues, fines, cards,	
and book marks.....	11 80—\$210 84
Paid for preparing supplement to the old	
catalogue.....	\$ 12 00
“ Librarian's salary, 1 year.....	64 00
“ for repairing books.....	12 25
“ “ paper to cover books.....	2 45
“ “ new books.....	112 44
“ car fare to Boston and writing paper	1 60
“ expressage and kerosene.....	1 10
“ mucilage, etc.....	39
“ car fare to Danvers.....	30
In Treasurer's hands.....	4 31—\$210 84

There is a balance in Danvers Savings Bank of \$71 00.

WM. A. PHELPS, Treasurer.

Middleton, Feb. 20th, 1883.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

*To Cyrus K. Wilkins, Constable of the Town
of Middleton, in the County of Essex,*

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Town, on MONDAY, the fifth day of March, next, at *nine o'clock in the forenoon*, then and there to act on the following articles:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To see if the town will accept the provisions of section sixty-nine and the four following sections of chapter twenty-seven of the Public Statutes, and elect three overseers of the poor, one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years; and thereafter at the annual meeting elect one overseer of the poor to serve for three years.

ART. 4. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see how much money the town will raise to defray town charges the ensuing year, and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

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ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to paint the Town Hall the present year.

ART. 16. To act on the following article contained in a petition of J. A. Hutchinson and thirteen others: To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to petition the Eastern Railroad Company to station a flagman at the crossing on the road leading to Danvers; or take any other action thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office, in said town, seven days at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February, A. D., 1883.

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	}	Selectmen of Middleton.
O. LORING CARLTON,		
B. P. RICHARDSON.		

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

Town of Middleton

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 22, 1884.

SALEM:

JOHN H. CHOATE & CO., PRINTERS,
1884.



REPORT.

Selectmen's Department.

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

J. A. Batchelder, as Selectman and Assessor.....	\$54 50
B. P. Richardson, " "	53 45
O. L. Carleton, " "	55 50
S. A. Fletcher, as Treasurer.....	25 00
Joseph A. Batchelder, as Town Clerk.....	8 00
J. A. Batchelder, recording marriages, births, and deaths.....	16 20
B. T. McGlauflin, as Constable.....	15 00
Ansel P. Tyler, as School Committee.....	30 00
Hiram A. Stiles, " "	35 00
B. P. Richardson, " "	5 00
Jesse W. Peabody, as Collector.....	68 12
Farnham Stiles, as Sealer of weights and measures.	3 00
B. T. McGlauflin, as Fish Warden.....	5 00
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	\$373 77

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Ward 1. W. H. Hutchinson, Surveyor, Appropriation.....	\$108 82
2. B. T. McGlauflin, Surveyor, Appropriation	145 00
3. Jeremiah Fuller, " "	55 00
4. George E. Soper, " "	55 00
5. John J. Coughlin, " "	59 25
6. H. Erskine Howe, " "	57 00
7. H. T. Sheldon, " "	65 00
8. Lyman S. Wilkins, " "	89 15
9. S. M. Peabody, " "	60 50
10. Sylvanus Flint, " "	67 00

George E. Soper, repairing culvert	5 00
Samuel M. Peabody, repairing bridge.....	4 25
J. B. Thomas & Co., timber and plank.....	31 46
Town of Peabody, repairing bridge.....	23 29
Turner & Harrington, plank.....	25 41
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, nails.....	50
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	\$851 63

STATE AID AND RELIEF OF INDIGENT SOLDIERS.

Orders drawn from State Aid from Feb. 1, 1883 to Feb. 1, 1884.....	\$153 00
Orders drawn for relief Indigent Soldiers, from Feb. 22, 1883 to Feb. 22, 1884, as follows :	
Patrick Gillispie.....	111 57
Isaiah B. Peabody.....	144 00
Dennis Wells	96 00
W. Warner Peabody.....	46 00
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	\$550 57

SCHOOL BOOK ACCOUNT.

Amount of books on hand at the close of last year..	\$116 77
Amount of books purchased this year.....	118 76
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	\$235 53
Deduct amount of books now on hand.....	151 14
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Leaving amount of books sold	\$84 39

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

EXPENSES.

Sanger & Hood, coal in 1883.....	\$ 8 50
Batchelder & Co., coal.....	24 00
F. E. Campbell, services as janitor.....	9 30
F. E. Campbell, cash paid for grate.....	2 75
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, oil	9 45

M. J. Cheney, services as janitor.....	64	70
M. J. Cheney, cash paid for cleaning hall	6	50
Merriam & Tyler, coal.....	15	19
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	\$140	39

RECEIPTS.

Cash received for use of Hall.....	\$100	50
Due for use of Hall.....	34	00
Balance against the town.....	5	89
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	\$140	39

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Balance of last year's appropriation.....	\$70	85
Appropriation	75	00
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	\$145	85
Deduct amount drawn	96	37
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Leaving amount undrawn.....	\$49	48

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. H. Choate & Co., printing town reports.....	\$ 22	00
Danvers Water Board, water at Cemetery.....	6	00
Hall Rubber Co., rubber hose, fire coats etc.....	419	52
J. J. Grothe, purchasing hose and cash paid.....	3	40
B. T. McGlauffin, purchasing hose and cash paid.	3	65
Cowperthwait & Co., school books.....	99	48
Charles S. Buffum, stools and covers.....	12	50
T. P. Merriam, rent of shed for hose.....	12	00
T. J. Hutchinson, printing fish notices.....	1	40
Harvey Cook, cleaning out brook.....	1	25
Charles E. Berry, painting town hall.....	50	00
Charles E. Berry, varnishing towh hall.....	14	25
Charles E. Berry, paint	3	15
Henry Hale & Co., paint stock.....	58	84
Samuel Trask, varnish.....	9	30
Thomas Carlim, labor at cemetery.....	50	00
W. A. Phelps, administering oaths.....	1	00

M. E. Tyler, supplies for street lamp.....	2 98
M. E. Tyler, lanterns.....	1 75
Knight, Adams & Co., school books.....	15 28
E. L. & F. S. Rollings, window shades.....	9 60
William Ware, school books.....	4 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, account books.....	44
G. E. Wilkins, expressage.....	2 00
J. A. Batchelder, journeys out of town.....	3 00
J. A. Batchelder, car-fare, postage, book etc.....	6 53
J. W. Peabody, discount allowed on taxes.....	257 39
Flint Public Library.....	96 37
Amount paid to fireman.....	36 00
J. W. Russell, services as sexton.....	10 00
W. H. Hutchinson, removing snow.....	1 75
S. W. Weston, removing snow.....	2 70
Jesse W. Peabody, abatements.....	59 51
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	\$1277 04

School Department.

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

Mary E. Burrill, teaching Grammar School.....	\$360 00
Olive R. Graves, teaching Primary School.....	324 00
H. M. McKenney, services as janitor.....	20 00
Batchelder & Co., coal.....	42 00
Jeremiah Fuller, wood.....	13 75
H. M. McKenney, sawing wood and sifting ashes.	14 00
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	\$773 75

EAST SCHOOL.

Charles S. Averill, teaching.....	\$ 10 80
Catharine A. Berry, teaching.....	340 00
Amos. L. Peabody, care of fires.....	15 00
William Berry, wood.....	4 50
A. W. Peabody, wood.....	4 00
M. J. Peabody, sawing wood.....	5 00—\$379 30

NORTH SCHOOL.

Lettie A. Hatch, teaching	\$324 00	
Farnham Stiles, wood.....	17 87	
Myron G. Berry, wood.....	3 50	
William Berry, wood.....	4 50	
Myron G. Berry, sawing wood.....	4 00	
Milton W. Berry, care of fires.....	4 00	
Myron G. Berry, care of fires.....	6 00	—\$363 87
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		\$1516 92
Balance due the schools.....		94 05
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		\$1610 97

Balance due the schools last year....	\$ 118 28	
Town appropriation for schools.....	1200 00	
Amount rec'd from State School Fund	214 54	
Amount rec'd from dog licenses.....	78 15	—\$1610 97

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

W. Q. Richardson, use of well.....	\$ 6 00	
George P. Wilkins, “ “ “	3 00	
Dennis Wells, repairs on School House.....	17 15	
John Gage, repairs on clock.....	1 25	
Farnham Stiles, repairs on School House.....	1 00	
Loren Goodwin, use of well.....	3 00	
J. H. Choate & Co., printing school reports.....	13 00	
C. W. Clark, reading charts and slating.....	11 75	
M. E. Tyler, school supplies.....	18 29	
M. E. Tyler, loss on books exchanged.....	12 01	
William Wood & Co., supplies.....	8 75	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, “	8 57	
H. A. Stiles, chairs &c.....	2 35	
A. P. Tyler, expenses and supplies.....	14 47	
B. P. Richardson, removing ashes.....	2 00	
J. W. Peabody, use of well.....	3 00	
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		\$125 59

Overseers' Department.

H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Andrew Gould	\$ 52 00
George Flint, wood " " "	5 50
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Mrs. Bird....	2 00
M. E. Tyler, " " " "	6 00
George Flint, wood " " " "	5 90
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Samuel Curry and family.....	86 86
M. E. Tyler, supplies for Samuel Curry and family	3 50
A. W. Peabody, butcher's supplies " " "	5 50
Dr. H. F. Batchelder, medical attendance " "	8 00
George Flint, wood for Samuel Curry and family	5 50
A. W. Peabody, wood and cutting " " "	8 00
Lyman Ramsdell, cutting wood " " "	2 50
A. W. Peabody, wood and cutting " " "	4 75
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Wm. Freeman	4 48
M. E. Tyler, " " " " "	13 25
J. F. Hayward, butcher's supplies " "	1 50
Dr. H. F. Batchelder, medical attendance and medicine for Wm. Freeman.....	6 00
A. W. Peabody, supplies for Wm. Freeman.....	4 80
Town of Danvers, aid ren'd Rufus Silver and family	107 36
Danvers Co. Asso., supplies " " "	39 00
Smart and McCrellis, supplies " " "	21 00
George Flint, wood " " "	2 07
A. W. Peabody, " " " "	7 00
Daniel Fuller, " " " "	3 98
B. T. McGlaufflin, medicine for Mrs. Silver.....	2 60
H. A. Stiles, wood, Rufus Silver and family.....	6 00
Batchelder and Co., coal, " " " "	33 00
Dr. H. F. Batchelder, med. atten. and medicine for Rufus Silver and family.....	30 00
Mrs. A. Dowdell, nursing Mrs. Silver.....	5 00
A. W. Peabody, wood for Rufus Silver and family	4 75
Moses Peabody, extra care for Flint Esty for 1882	10 00
Louis Peabody, board for Flint Esty.....	194 75

Dr. H. F. Batchelder, Medical Attendance and Medicine for Flint Esty	3 50	
State, for board of B. F. Averill at Danvers Lunatic Asylum	100 40	
H. P. Ives, book for record and paper-cutter.....	1 60	
Dr. P. M. Chase, medical attendance and medicine for P. Glispie, Dec. 22—24, 1881.....	3 00	
M. E. Tyler, horse hire.....	1 25	
City of Salem, aid for Henry Mansfield.....	50 99	
J. W. Russell, removing remains of Mrs. Nichols	2 50	
Town of Danvers, aid for Richard Tiernan.....	146 85	
Town of Peabody, care of Rhoda Daniels.....	167 96	
Daniel Fuller, wood for tramp house.....	3 67	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for tramp house..	6 25	
O. L. Carlton, services and cash paid.....	5 00	
A. W. Peabody, “ “ “	5 00	
B. T. McGlauflin, “ “ “	20 50	
B. T. McGlauflin, care of tramps.....	6 60	
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Amount of orders drawn by Overseers.....	\$1217 62	
Unsettled bills of this year.....	93 00	
Due from North Reading.....	\$ 138 51	
Due from State.....	60 00	
Unsettled bills of last year.....	60 00	
Whole cost of supporting the poor....	1,052 11	
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	\$1,310 62	\$1,310 62

Summary of Expenses.

Town Officers' Bills.....	\$	373	77
Highway and Bridges.....		851	63
State Aid and Relief of Indigent Soldiers.....		550	57
Town Hall expenses.....		140	39
Miscellaneous		1,277	04
Schools		1,516	92
Incidental School Expenses.....		125	59
Poor Department.....		1,217	61
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Total amount of orders drawn.....	\$	6,053	53

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State Tax.....	\$450 00
County Tax.....	598 86
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	\$1,048 86

The selectmen submit the following estimate of the sums necessary to be raised by taxation to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year :

Current Expenses.....	\$2,000 00
Reduction of Town Debt.....	500 00
Interest	300 00
Schools	1,200 00
Highways	800 00
Bridges.....	100 00
Public Library....	100 00
Cemetery.....	50 00
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	\$5,050 00

JESSE W. PEABODY, TAX COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH
THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON.

DR.

Tax list of 1883.....	\$6,814 38
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CR.

Am't paid Treasurer on list of 1883..	\$5,033 30
“ of County Tax paid.....	598 86
Uncollected on tax list of 1883.....	1,182 22
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	\$6,814 38

DR.

Bal. of tax list of 1882 as per last year's report...	\$1,227 82
Interest collected.....	20 90
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	1,248 72

CR.

Paid Treasurer on tax list of 1882..	\$1,056 36
Uncollected on tax list of 1882.....	192 36
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	\$1,248 72

Dr.

Bal. of tax list of 1881 as per last year's report....	\$348 78
Interest collected.....	11 20

 \$359 98

Cr.

Paid Treasurer on tax list of 1881.....	\$351 75
Uncollected on tax list of 1881.....	8 23

 \$359 98

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 22, 1884.

To balance of last year's account.....	\$3,006 54
To cash of Moses Peabody, lumber.....	2 60
State Treasurer, corporation tax.....	73 20
North Reading, pauper account.....	96 53
F. E. Campbell, use of Town Hall.....	39 00
E. L. Lovejoy, peddler's license.....	3 00
S. F. Esty, on tax of 1880.....	19 22
State Treasurer, pauper account.....	119 87
“ “ corporation tax.....	94 36
“ “ bank tax.....	185 27
“ “ state aid.....	208 00
County Treasurer, dog tax refunded....	78 15
State Treasurer, school fund.....	214 54
“ “ corporation tax.....	108 72
“ “ relief of indigent soldiers	160 93
Different persons, for cemetery lots.....	30 00
Town of Danvers, gravel.....	3 00
M. E. Tyler, school books.....	84 39
M. J. Cheney, use of Town Hall.....	100 50
Jesse W. Peabody, on tax of 1881.....	351 75
Jesse W. Peabody, on tax of 1882.....	1,056 36
Jesse W. Peabody, on tax of 1883.....	5,033 30

 \$11,069 23

By cash paid on notes.....	\$2,000 00
as interest on notes.....	425 00
State Treasurer, state tax..	450 00
on Selectmen's and Over-	
seer's orders.....	6,059 38
Balance in Treasury.....	2,134 85
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SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TREASURER

Assessors' Valuation of Property.

Real Estate.....	\$448,825 00
Personal Estate.....	77,540 00
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Number of Polls, 249.

Tax on Polls.....	\$498 00
Rate of Taxation \$12.00 per \$1,000.	
Tax on Real Estate.....	5,385 90
Tax on Personal Estate.....	930 48
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Amount voted by the town for current expenses,	\$2,000 00
" " " reduction of town debt,	500 00
" " " interest.....	400 00
" " " schools.....	1,200 00
" " " highways and bridges,	950 00
" " " library.....	75 00
" " " fire department.....	500 00
" " " cemetery.....	50 00
State tax.....	450 00
County tax.....	598 86
Overlay on taxes.....	90 52
	<hr/> \$6,814 38

Selectmen's Valuation of Town Property.

Flint Public Library.....	\$2,500 00
Town Hall and land.....	7,000 00
School Houses.....	8,800 00

Lock-up.....	500 00
Cemetery.....	500 00
Hearse and House.....	400 00
Fire Apparatus.....	600 00
Gravel Pit.....	50 00
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	\$20,350 00

Financial Condition of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of town notes on interest at 5 per cent..	\$6,500 00
“ due the schools.....	94 05
“ due the library.....	49 48
“ of unsettled bills.....	100 00
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	\$6,743 53

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per Treasurer's account...	\$2,134 85
Due for State aid reimbursements.....	168 00
Due from State for relief of indigent soldiers.....	225 00
Due from State on pauper account.....	60 00
Due from North Reading on pauper account....	138 51
Due for Cemetery lots.....	44 00
School books on hand.....	151 14
Amount of uncollected taxes for 1881.....	8 23
Amount of uncollected taxes for 1882.....	192 36
Amount of uncollected taxes for 1883.....	1,182 22
Balance against the town.....	2,439 22
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	\$6,743 53
Decrease in town debt.....	\$1,031 38

J. A. BATCHELDER,	}	Selectmen of Middleton.
B. P. RICHARDSON,		
O. L. CARLETON,		

Middleton Feb. 20, 1884.

Flint Public Library.

THE TRUSTEES OF FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY HEREWITH
PRESENT THEIR FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

We find that our Library has been well appreciated by the inhabitants of the town during the past year, and it is pleasant to notice that there has been an increase of interest in works of History and general literature.

Most of the books which were added to the Library at the beginning of the year have been in constant demand, and we have the pleasure of announcing a further addition, as soon as practicable through the generosity of Hon. Charles L. Flint who has again kindly remembered us.

Joseph A. Batchelder,	}	Trustees.
William A. Phelps,		
Samuel A. Fletcher,		
James Flint,		
Gilman A. Kimball,		
Ansel P. Tyler.		

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Books in Library Feb. 1, 1883, volumes.....	2,747
“ from old Library of East District.....	21
“ Presented by William Weston.....	19
“ “ Mass. State Library.....	1
“ “ Newton Free Library.....	1
“ “ State Board Agriculture Library..	1
“ “ U. S. War Department.....	3
“ “ Secretary of Commonwealth.....	2
“ “ Salem Peabody Acad. of Science..	1
Total.....	2,796
Pamphlets from Woburn Pub. Library.....	1
“ “ Peabody Institute, Peabody.....	1
“ “ Newton Free Library.....	1
“ “ Mass. State Library.....	1
“ “ Director of U. S. Mint.....	3
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Whole number of books taken from the Library from

Feb. 1, 1883 to Feb. 1, 1884.....7,168

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, LIBRARIAN.

Middleton, Feb. 1, 1884.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from the town.....	\$96 37	
“ from sale of catalogues, fines etc..	18 11	
Brought over from last year.....	4 31	
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Paid Librarian's salary.....	64 00	
“ printing 300 supplements to the old catalogue.....	26 00	
“ insurance on the Library.....	15 00	
“ rebinding books.....	4 91	
“ express on books.....	60	
“ for paper to cover books.....	90	
“ for four gallons of oil.....	72	
“ for replacing two books.....	2 17	
“ postage.....	18	
“ cash in the Treasury	4 31—	\$118 79

There is a balance in Danvers Savings Bank of \$71 00.
Mr. Flint has also given the Treasurer a Check for \$100
to be spent for books for the Library at an early date.

WM. A. PHELPS, Treasurer.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

*To Benjamin T. McGlaulin, Constable of the
Town of Middleton, in the County of Essex,
Greeting:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on MONDAY, the third day of March, next, at *nine o'clock in the forenoon*, then and there to act on the following articles:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To see how much money the town will raise to defray town charges the ensuing year, and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

ART. 5. To act on the list of Jurors prepared and posted by the selectmen.

ART. 6. To see what action the town will take concerning the Cemetery.

ART. 7. To see what action the town will take in relation to letting the Town Hall.

ART. 8. To see what action the town will take for the prevention of fires, and in respect to the election and compensation of firemen.

ART. 9. To see what regulations the town will make in regard to fishing in Middleton pond.

ART. 10. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

ART. 11. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the selectmen, to hire such sums of money, in anticipation of the taxes, as may be necessary to meet current expenses.

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ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to paint the School Houses the present year.

ART. 14. To see if the town will raise a sum of money for providing Guide Boards for the Streets, and placing numbers upon the buildings.

ART. 15. To see if the town will purchase a large Safe for a suitable place for the town records, the present year.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office, in said town, seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-second day of February, A. D., 1884.

J. A. BATCHELDER,	}	Selectmen
O. L. CARLETON,		of
B. P. RICHARDSON,		Middleton.

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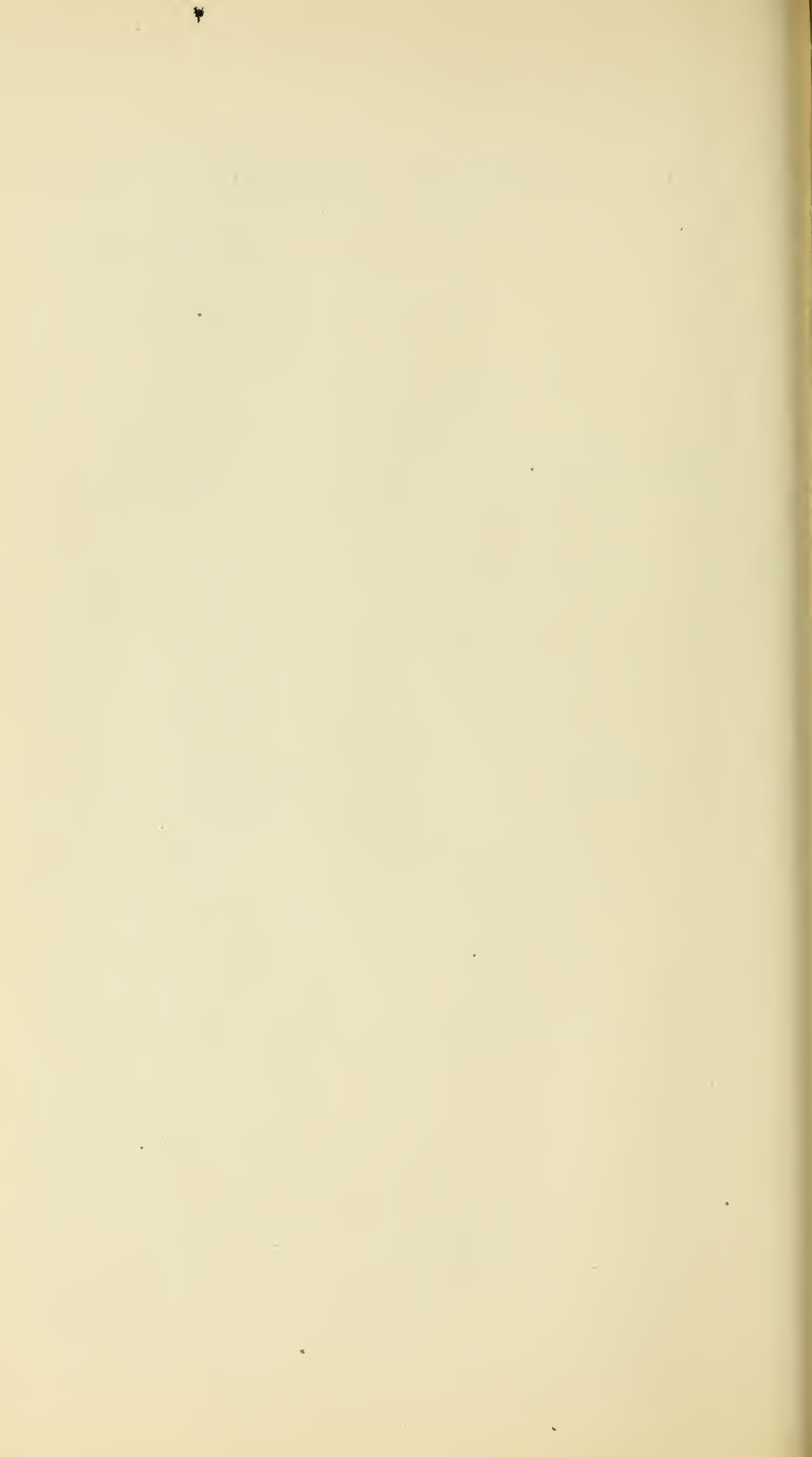
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REPORT.

Selectmen's Department.

TOWN OFFICERS.

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B. P. Richardson, " "	49 65
A. P. Tyler, " "	52 40
S. A. Fletcher, as Treasurer.....	25 00
Joseph A. Batchelder, as Town Clerk.....	8 00
J. A. Batchelder, recording marriages, births and deaths.....	13 70
Martin J. Cheney, as Constable.....	15 00
Ansel P. Tyler, as School Committee.....	30 00
M. J. Cheney. " "	22 00
Hiram A. Stiles " "	30 00
Jesse W. Peabody, as Collector.....	69 83
J. A. Batchelder, as Registrar of Voters....	5 00
B. P. Richardson, " "	5 00
A. P. Tyler, " "	5 00
Farnham Stiles, as Sealer of weights and measures.	3 00
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\$387 93	

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Ward 1. W. H. Hutchinson, Surveyor, Appropri- ation.....	\$153 55
2. George Daniels, Surveyor, Appropriation	134 10
3. Lyman Darling. " "	60 00
4. George E. Soper, " "	57 75
5. J. J. Coughlin, " "	72 00
6. Leverett Wilkins. " "	55 00
7. H. T. Sheldon, " "	76 00
8. George P. Wilkins, " "	125 00
9. S. M. Peabody. " "	60 00
10. Sylvanus Flint. " "	91 25

Thomas Carlin, labor.....	77 75
Timothy Donovan, labor.....	19 50
Daniel Donovan, labor.....	18 00
Isaac R. Gates, repairing bridges, &c.....	58 10
Turner & Harrington, lumber.....	90 19
J. B. Thomas, timber.....	11 92
George B. Flint, labor on culvert.....	3 00
Jeremiah Fuller, labor in 1883.....	10 00
G. A. Carrier, labor and gravel.....	3 65
B. T. McGlauflin, labor.....	1 50
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	\$1.178 26

SNOW BILLS.

Henry Peabody. 2d. removing snow.....	\$1 60
Jeremiah Fuller. " "	9 10
H. T. Sheldon, " "	3 25
Lyman S. Wilkins, " "	7 20
B. T. McGlauflin, " "	3 50
Sylvanus Flint, " "	2 00
Wm. H. Hutchinson. " "	6 65
John J. Coughlin. " "	2 50
F. A. Witham, " "	2 50
Leverett H. Wilkins. " "	1 00
H. T. Sheldon. " "	3 85
George P. Wilkins. " "	3 00
Solomon W. Weston, " "	1 50
Porter I. Gould, " "	5 50
George Daniels. " "	4 65
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	\$57 80

STATE AID AND RELIEF OF INDIGENT SOLDIERS.

Orders drawn for State Aid from Feb. 1, 1884

to Feb. 1, 1885.....\$166 80

Orders drawn for relief of Indigent Soldiers from

Feb. 22, 1884 to Feb. 16, 1885, as follows:

Patrick Gillespie	\$107 50
Isaiah B. Peabody.....	144 00
W. Warner Peabody.....	8 00
Sereno Terrio.....	88 21
Dennis Wells.....	18 00
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	\$532 51

TEXT BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Amount of books on hand at the close of last year	\$151 14
Amount of books purchased by M. E. Tyler.....	71 28
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	\$222 42
Deduct amount of books sold.....	66 74
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Amount received by Committee from M. E. Tyler	\$155 68
Amount of books and supplies purchased by School Committee.....	189 19
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	\$344 87
Deduct amount of supplies now on hand.....	107 06
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Expense of books and other supplies furnished free	\$237 81

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Balance of last years appropriation.....	\$49 48
Appropriation.....	100 00
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	149 48
Deduct amount drawn.....	95 02
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	\$54 46

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

EXPENSES.

Sanger & Hood, coal.....	\$15 00
Batchelder & Co.,.....	30 38
M. J. Cheney, services as Janitor.....	88 75
M. J. Cheney, supplies.....	6 55

H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies.....	13 39
Balance in favor of Town.....	9 93
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	\$164 00

RECEIPTS.

Cash recieved for use of Hall.....	\$145 50
Due for use of Hall.....	18 50
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	\$164 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. H. Choate & Co., printing town reports.....	\$ 22 00
Peabody Press, printing notices and check list.....	6 50
Turner & Harrington, lumber for town hall.....	19 61
Frank W. Stewart, repairs on town hall.....	2 00
J. W. Russell, hauling lumber.....	1 00
John M. Peabody, care of street lamp in 1883.....	12 00
John M. Peabody, cash paid for supplies.....	90
Danvers Water Board, water at cemetery.....	6 00
Danvers Water Board, water at town hall.....	6 00
Danvers Water Board, water-pipe and fitting at town hall.....	55 36
Waldo Brothers, cement pipe.....	1 10
Patrick Donavan, hauling stone.....	1 80
Frank W. Stewart, building sink.....	8 84
Morris & Ireland, fire proof safe.....	190 00
E.R.R. Co., transportation of safe.....	3 01
Newhall & Marston, moving safe.....	11 00
William H. Munday, damage from defect in highway	75 00
George W. Tucker, damage from defect in highway	10 00
N. Wilbur, street signs.....	67 50
Knight, Adams & Co., school books.....	36 46
Wm. Ware & Co., school books in 1883.....	34 82
T. S. Trask, painting school houses.....	100 00
T. S. Trask, paint stock.....	62 39
Henry Hale & Co., lead and oil.....	49 86
F. C. Merriam, storage for hose.....	4 00
J. J. Grothe, hydrant wrenches.....	2 00

J. A. Curtis, abatement of tax.....	1 22
Thomas Carlin, setting sign posts.....	11 00
Charles A. Fletcher, abatement of tax	1 22
J. W. Russell, labor on cemetery.....	50 00
Ruth Hutchinson, abatement of tax.....	72
Solomon W. Weston, cedar posts.....	12 30
Van Antwerp, Bruggs & Co., school books.....	31 16
Knight, Adams & Co., school supplies.....	3 72
Carrol W. Clark, slates and pencils.....	10 05
Wm. Ware, school supplies.....	9 50
Henry Deckerman & Co., school supplies.....	14 66
Knight, Adams & Co., " "	31 54
Clark & Maynard, " "	20 16
Boston School Supply Co., " "	25 20
A. P. Tyler, books and supplies.....	16 94
A. P. Tyler, cash paid and valuation book.....	3 00
M. E. Tyler, team to pension agent.....	1 25
M. E. Tyler, supplies.....	18 55
M. E. Tyler, street lamp supplies.....	7 96
Dr. H. F. Batchelder, returning births.....	1 75
Ruthelia Boynton, school supplies.....	70
C. A. Berry, School supplies.....	75
H. A. Davis, sealing weights and measures.....	7 20
Jesse W. Peabody, abatements on list of 1882....	49 26
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, sundries.....	2 51
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, school supplies.....	6 26
Compensation to Firemen.....	36 00
John M. Peabody, care of street lamp.....	12 00
John M. Peabody, repairing lamp.....	50
J. E. Ropes & Co., stove and fixtures for Hall... .	16 50
Jesse W. Peabody, discount allowed on taxes.....	274 20
Flints Public Library.....	95 02
B. P. Richardson, for record book.....	1 67
J. A. Batchelder, journeys out of town.....	5 00
J. A. Batchelder, car-fare, expressage etc.....	8 16
J. W. Russell as Superintendent of burials.....	10 00

\$1586 78

School Department.

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

Mary E. Burrill, teaching Grammar School.....	\$360 00
Sadie Newhall, teaching Primary School.....	312 00
H. M. McKenney, services as janitor.....	25 00
H. M. McKenney, sawing wood.....	1 50
Jeremiah Fuller, wood.....	11 15
S. L. Peabody, sawing wood.....	3 50
Batchelder & Co., coal.....	40 50
Ralph G. Peabody, services as janitor.....	25 00
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	\$778 65

EAST SCHOOL.

Catharine A. Berry, teaching.....	\$120 00
Maude L. Wilkins, teaching.....	48 00
Helen O. Frame, teaching.....	144 00
E. L. Hooper, wood,.....	18 00
A. W. Peabody, wood.....	4 00
Geo. B. Flint, wood.....	5 50
Amos L. Peabody, services as janitor...	10 00
Amos L. Peabody, sawing wood.....	2 00—\$351 50

NORTH SCHOOL.

Ruthelia Boynton, teaching.....	\$312 00
Albert A. Wilkins, janitor.....	9 00
Farnham Stiles, wood.....	22 00
Otis M. Wilkins as janitor.....	4 00
Albert A. Wilkins, sawing wood.....	3 75—\$350 75
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	\$1480 90
Balance due the schools.....	98 55
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	\$1579 45
Balance due the schools last year....	\$94 05
Town appropriation for schools.....	1200 00
Amount rec'd from State School Fund	209 88
Amount rec'd from dog licenses.....	75 52—\$1579 45

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

J. H. Choate & Co., printing school reports.....	\$12 00
W. Q. Richardson, use of well.....	3 00
Dennis Wells, repairs.....	6 50
Mary Lever, cleaning school rooms.....	5 00
J. J. Grothe, use of well.....	6 00
George B. Flint, repairs.....	16 50
Farnham Stiles, use of well.....	3 00
John Hathaway, repairing fence.....	1 50
A. P. Tyler, repairs.....	5 33
Farnham Stiles, repairing stove.....	50
M. E. Tyler, team for moving settees.....	1 50
W. A. Russell, repairing clock.....	3 00
J. Wallace Peabody, use of well.....	3 00
M. J. Cheney, expressages and keys.....	1 45
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	\$68 28

Overseers' Department.

H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for A. Gould....	\$53 50
Geo. B. Flint, wood " "	16 50
J. B. Thomas, " " "	2 00
Town of Peabody for board of Rhoda Daniels....	161 60
Lois Peabody, care of Flint Esty.....	170 12
Dr. H. F. Batchelder, Medical attendance and Medicine for Flint Esty.....	8 25
City of Salem for supplies for Henry Mansfield...	4 00
Town of Danvers supplies for Rufus E. Silver....	120 00
Batchelder & Co., coal " " "	3 50
Edward E. Strout, care of the Silver family.....	190 00
Smart & McCrellis supplies for " "	12 00
M. E. Tyler, supplies for Wm. Freeman.....	20 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Wm. Freeman	9 00
A. W. Peabody, supplies for " "	13 30
Dr. H. F. Batchelder, Medical attendance and Medicine for family of Wm. Freeman.....	8 00
Chas. Buffum, coffin for the remains of S. Curry..	9 00

J. W. Peabody 2nd. preparing remains of S. Curry for burial.....	2 00
Frank Ramsdell, cutting wood for Olive Curry...	1 25
S. Peabody, " " " " " ...	1 00
J. W. Russell, services as sexton for S. Curry.....	5 00
Chas. Phelps, cutting wood for Olive Curry.....	1 00
H. A. McGlauflin " " " " "	1 50
Dr. H. F. Batchelder, Medicine and Medical attendance for S. Curry & Family.....	31 50
W. Christopher, wood for S. Curry & family.....	3 70
Geo. B. Flint " " " " "	13 75
A. W. Peabody, supplies for " "	2 14
B. T. McGlauflin " " " " "	1 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies " "	43 59
Dr. H. F. Batchelder, Medicine and Medical attendance on John Barnaby's family.....	25 00
P. Gillespie, watching with J. A. Barnaby.....	2 00
A. W. Peabody, supplies for " "	8 96
H. A. Wilkins & Sons " " " " "	7 00
J. W. Russell, services as sexton, and coffins for Harry and Minnie Barnaby.....	16 25
Lawrence House of Correction for board of R. H. Green.....	1 43
M. E. Tyler, aid for Dennis Gillespie.....	25 00
A. W. Peabody " " " " "	1 16
M. E. Tyler, supplies for Henry Freeman.....	3 00
Town of Danvers, aid rendered R. Tierman.....	6 00
M. E. Tyler, supplies for Sereno Terrio & Family.	3 50
John J. Coughlin, wood for " " " " "	6 00
Jas. Coughlin, cutting wood " " " " "	1 00
M. J. Dearborn " " " " " " "	1 00
A. W. Peabody, supplies " " " " " " "	11 74
Batchelder & Co., coal for tramp house.....	6 75
J. J. Coughlin, wood " " " " " " "	2 00
Wm. Freeman, cutting wood " " " " " " "	1 75
H. A. Wilkins, supplies " " " " " " "	13 98
B. T. McGlauflin, care of 165 tramps.....	16 50
A. W. Peabody, services and cash paid.....	8 00

O. L. Carlton, services and cash paid.....	8 00	
B. T. McGlauffin " " " "	20 00	
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Whole amount of overseers orders drawn.....	\$1104 22	
Unsettled bills.....	20 00	
Received from North Reading on ac- count of S. Curry.....	\$116 43	
Due from the State.....	50 00	
Unsettled bills of last year.....	100 00	
Due from Reading.....	3 00	
" " Edward E. Strout.....	25 00	
Received from the State on account of J. Barnaby.....	52 00	
Received from John Barnaby.....	6 25	
Whole cost of supporting poor.....	771 54	
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	\$1124 22	\$1124 22

Summary of Expenses.

Town Officers' Bills.....	\$ 387 93
Highways & Bridges.....	1,178 26
Snow Bills.....	57 80
State Aid and Relief of Indigent Soldiers.....	532 51
Town Hall Expenses.....	154 07
Miscellaneous.....	1,586 78
Schools.....	1,480 90
Incidental School Expenses.....	68 28
Poor Department.....	1,104 22
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Total amount of orders drawn.....	\$6,550 75

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State Tax.....	\$ 600 00
County Tax.....	598 86
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	\$1,198 86

The Selectmen respectfully submit the following estimates of the sums necessary to be raised by taxation to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year :

Current Expenses	\$2,000 00
Reduction of Town Debt.....	500 00
Interest.....	300 00
Schools	1,200 00
School Books and Supplies	100 00
Highways	800 00
Bridges.....	100 00
Public Library	100 00
Cemetery	50 00
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	\$5,150 00

JESSE W. PEABODY, TAX COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH
THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON.

Dr.

Tax list of 1884\$6,983 67

Cr.

Am't paid Treasurer on list of 1884..\$5,326 48

“ of County Tax paid..... 598 86

Uncollected on tax list of 1884..... 1,058 33

\$6,983 67

Dr.

Bal. of tax list of 1883 as per last year's report..\$1,182 22

Interest collected..... 17 81

\$1,200 03

Cr.

Paid Treasurer on tax list of 1883....\$ 774 73

Uncollected on tax list of 1883..... 425 30

\$1,200 03

Dr.

Bal. of tax list of 1882 as per last year's report....\$192 36

Interest collected 20 12

\$212 48

CR.

Paid Treasurer on list of 1882.....	\$178 76	
Uncollected on tax list of 1882.....	33 72	
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DR.

Bal. of tax list of 1881 as per last year's report.....	\$ 8 23	
Interest collected	2 48	
	<hr/>	\$10 71

CR.

Paid Treasurer on tax list of 1881.....	\$10 71
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SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 18, 1885.

DR.

To balance of last year's accounts.....	\$ 2,134 85
To cash of North Reading, pauper account.....	138 51
E. L. Lovejoy, pedlar's license.....	3 00
J. F. Hayward, lumber.....	2 00
John Gage, lumber.....	1 75
Different persons for cemetery lots.....	60 65
J. E. Barnaby.....	6 25
State Treasurer, pauper account.....	142 00
" " corporation tax.....	209 35
" " bank tax.....	188 62
" " relief of indigent soldiers	201 50
" " state aid.....	156 00
" " school fund.....	209 88
" " corporation tax.....	2 10
County Treasurer, dog tax refunded....	75 52
North Reading, pauper account.....	116 43
A. A. Wilkins and Sons, posts.....	60
M. J. Cheney, use of Hall.....	145 50
M. J. Cheney, " " in 1883.....	13 00
M. E. Tyler, school books.....	66 74

Jesse W. Peabody on tax of 1881.....	10 71
Jesse W. Peabody " " 1882.....	178 76
Jesse W. Peabody " " 1883.....	774 73
Jesse W. Peabody " " 1884.....	5,326 48

\$10,165 03

CR.

Cash paid as interest on notes.....	\$ 325 00
State Treasurer, state tax.....	600 00
On Selectmen's orders.....	5,446 53
On Overseer's orders.....	1,104 22
Balance in Treasury.....	2,689 28
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	\$10,165 03

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TREASURER.

Assessors' Valuation of Property.

Real Estate.....	\$453,165 00
Personal Estate.....	76,644 00
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	\$529,809 00

Number of Polls, 260

Rate of Taxation, \$12 20 per \$1,000

Tax on Polls.....	\$520 00
Tax on Real Estate.....	5,528 61
Tax on Personal Estate.....	935 06
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	\$6,983 67

Amount voted by the town for current expenses	\$2,000 00
" " " reduction of town debt	500 00
" " " interest.....	300 00
" " " schools.....	1,200 00
" " " highways.....	1,000 00
" " " bridges.....	100 00
" " " library.....	100 00
" " " cemetery.....	50 00
" " " painting school house,	200 00
" " " guide boards.....	100 00
" " " water at hall.....	100 00

State tax.....	600 00
County tax.....	598 86
Overlay on taxes.....	134 81
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	\$6,983 67

Selectmen's Valuation of Town Property.

Flint Public Library.....	\$2,650 00
Town Hall and land.....	6,000 00
School Houses.....	8,800 00
Lock-up.....	500 00
Cemetery.....	300 00
Hearse and House.....	400 00
Fire Apparatus.....	600 00
Gravel Pit.....	50 00
Safe.....	200 00
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	\$19,500 00

Financial Condition of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of town notes on interest at 5 per cent. .	\$6,500 00
" due the schools.....	98 55
" due the library.....	58 46
" of unsettled bills.....	50 00
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	\$6,703 01

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per Treasurer's account....	\$2,689 28
Due for State and reimbursements.....	178 00
Due from State for relief of indigent soldiers....	210 95
Due from State on pauper account.....	50 00
Due from Edward E Strout.....	25 00
Due from Oscar Cram for use of Hall in 1883....	21 00

Due from North Reading.....	3 00
Due for Cemetery lots.....	38 00
School books on hand.....	107 06
Amount of uncollected taxes for 1882.....	32 72
Amount of uncollected taxes for 1883.....	425 30
Amount of uncollected taxes for 1884.....	1,058 33
Balance against the town.....	1,863 37
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	\$6,703 01

Decrease in town debt..... \$575 85

J. A. BATCHELDER,	}	Selectmen of Middleton.
B. P. RICHARDSON,		
A. P. TYLER.		

Middleton, Feb. 18, 1885.

Flint Public Library.

THE TRUSTEES OF FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY HEREWITH
PRESENT THEIR SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Although we have little to offer at the opening of this new year in addition to the reports of the previous years, yet it is gratifying to record a continued appreciation of the privileges afforded by the Library.

A large addition was made to the number of books in the Library in the early part of the past year, and we have just received another gift from our generous friend, Hon. Charles L. Flint, to whom we are already largely indebted.

The Committee appointed to purchase books from time to time, are placed in no enviable position, for the funds must be judiciously expended in procuring books of the several classes in the proportion that they are read, and perhaps some may say there is too small an amount of works of fiction, while the readers of History and Science may lament so small a proportion of their favorite studies.

Those who visit the Library Room can not fail to notice our limited accommodations, and as our number of books is gradually on the increase, there will soon be a necessity for taking decisive steps in the matter.

Joseph A. Batchelder,	} Trustees.
William A. Phelps,	
Samuel A. Fletcher,	
James Flint,	
Gilman A. Kimball,	
Ansel P. Tyler.	

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Books in Library Feb. 1, 1884.....	2,796
“ Presented by Hon. C. L. Flint.....	57
“ “ “ Wm. Weston.....	1
“ Purchased of Estes & Lauriat.....	144
Total	<hr/> 2,998

Pamphlets Rec'd from Hon. C. L. Flint.....	3
“ “ “ Woburn Pub. Library.....	1
“ “ “ Newton Free Library.....	1
“ “ “ Peabody Institute, Peabody.....	1
“ “ “ “ “ Danvers.....	1
“ “ “ “ Academy of Science, Salem	1
“ “ “ U. S. Bureau of Education.....	8
“ “ “ a friend.....	1

Rec'd during the year.....17

Whole number of books taken out of the Library from
Feb. 1, 1884 to Feb. 1, 1885.....7,471

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, LIBRARIAN.

Middleton, Feb. 1, 1885.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. A. Phelps, Treasurer, in Account with Flint Public
Library for the Year ending Feb. 17, 1885.

Dr.

To balance of last year's account.....	\$4 31
deposit in Danvers Savings Bank.....	71 00
interest on deposits to Oct. 1.....	6 24
cash of Hon. Chas. L. Flint.....	100 00
Librarian sale of cards and catalogues.....	15 75
Town Treasurer.....	95 02
Hon. C. L. Flint, Jan. 30. 1885.....	100 00
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	\$392 32

Cr.

By Cash paid Librarian, salary.....	\$ 64 00
for putting up shelves.....	2 86
books.....	155 17
cards and supplements....	16 50
expressage and paper.....	4 99
preparing supplement	6 00
painting shelves.....	1 25
car-fare and rebinding books	13 44
kerosene 64
rebinding books.....	3 55
expressage on books.....	40
Balance in Treasury.....	123 52
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	\$392 32

WM. A. PHELPS, Treasurer.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

To Martin J. Cheney, Constable of the Town of Middleton, in the County of Essex.

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on MONDAY, the second day of March, next, at *nine o'clock in the forenoon*, then and there to act on the following articles:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To see how much money the town will raise to defray town charges the ensuing year, and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

ART. 5. To act on the list of Jurors prepared and posted by the selectmen.

ART. 6. To see what action the town will take concerning the Cemetery.

ART. 7. To see what action the town will take in relation to letting the Town Hall.

ART. 8. To see what action the town will take for the prevention of fires, and in respect to the election and compensation of firemen.

ART. 9. To see what regulations the town will make in regard to fishing in Middleton pond.

ART. 10. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

ART. 11. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the selectmen, to hire such sums of money, in anticipation of the taxes, as may be necessary to meet current expenses.

ART. 12. To vote upon the question, Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? The vote will be by separate ballot; and the ballot shall be "Yes" or "No" in answer to said question.

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to have some suitable channel made to carry the water around or by the corner near Mrs. Kate McKenney's house.

ART. 14. To see what action the town will take in regard to clearing snow from the sidewalks.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office, in said town, seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of February, A. D., 1885.

J. A. BATCHELDER,	}	Selectmen
B. P. RICHARDSON,		of
A. P. TYLER.		Middleton.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

Town of Middleton

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 18, 1886.

SALEM:

JOHN H. CHOATE & Co., PRINTERS.

1886.

REPORT.

Selectman's Department.

TOWN OFFICERS.

J. A. Batchelder, as Selectman and Assessor.....	\$53 35
Ansel P. Tyler,.....	51 20
Jesse W. Peabody,.....	53 36
Samuel A. Fletcher, as Treasurer.	25 00
Joseph A. Batchelder, as Town Clerk.....	8 00
J. A. Batchelder, recording marriages, births, and deaths.....	13 65
Martin J. Cheney, as Constable.....	15 00
Ansel P. Tyler, as School Committee.....	29 70
Martin J. Cheney, " " 	25 00
Hiram A. Stiles. " " 	30 00
Jesse W. Peabody, as Collector.....	63 42
J. A. Batchelder, as Registrar of Voters.....	5 00
A. P. Tyler, " " 	5 00
Jesse W. Peabody " " 	5 00
Farnham Stiles, as Sealer of Weights and Measures,	3 00
J. W. Russell, as Superintendent of Burials,.....	10 00
John F. Higgins, as Fish Warden.....	5 00
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\$406 03	

EXPENSE OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Ward 1.	W. H. Hutchinson, Surveyor.....	\$135 55
2.	George Daniels " 	140 00
3.	Lyman Darling " 	50 00
4.	William Christopher " 	51 00
5.	John J. Coughlin, " 	69 50
6.	Leverett Wilkins, " 	51 70

Ward 7.	Harmon T. Sheldon,	"	60 00
8.	William T. Martin,	"	100 00
9.	Samuel M. Peabody,	"	50 00
10.	Sylvanus Flint,	"	72 00
Thomas Carlin, labor.....			58 50
Town of Danvers repairing log bridge.....			14 73
Frank F. Wilkins,.....			5 80
Fred S. Flint,.....			3 00
Fred L. Esty,.....			10 00
Turner & Harrington, Lumber.....			74 34
William Christopher, hauling plank.....			2 25
Jesse W. Peabody, building fence.....			13 07
" " " use of horse.....			3 75
W. H. Hutchinson, labor.....			8 60
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, nails.....			1 20
J. B. Thomas, posts.....			9 00
Andrew Barnaby, cutting limbs.....			70
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			\$984 69

SNOW BILLS.

Sylvanus Flint, removing snow.....	\$ 3 00
Leverett H. Wilkins, " ".....	1 50
W. H. Hutchinson, breaking paths.....	16 81
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	\$21 31

STATE AID AND RELIEF OF INDIGENT SOLDIERS.

Orders drawn for State Aid from Feb. 1, 1885 to	
Feb. 1, 1886.....	\$168 00
Orders drawn for relief of Indigent Soldiers, from	
Feb. 17, 1885 to Feb. 16, 1886, as follows:	
Patrick Gillespie.....	67 00
Isaiah B. Peabody.....	144 00
Sereno Ferrio.....	52 10
Benjamin W. Peabody, Jr.....	81 00
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	\$512 10

TEXTS BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Knight, Adams & Co., books and supplies.....	\$90 21
J. L. Hammett.....	15 02
Knight, Adams & Co.....	21 81
Porter & Coates.....	8 00
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co.....	15 12
Knight, Adams & Co.....	20 55
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	\$170 71

EXPENSE OF FREE TEXT BOOKS.

Amount of books on hand at close of last year....	\$107 06
Amount of books and supplies furnished.....	170 71
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	\$277 77
Deduct amount of supplies on hand.....	96 92
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FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Balance of last years appropriation.....	\$ 54 46
Appropriation.....	100 00
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	\$154 46
Deduct amount drawn.....	85 22
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	\$69 24

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

EXPENSES.

Batchelder & Co., coal.....	\$13 50
M. J. Cheney, service as janitor.....	72 36
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies.....	7 88
Batchelder & Co., coal.....	19 00
Balance in favor of Town.....	20 52
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	\$133 25

RECEIPTS.

Cash received for use of hall.....	\$124 25
Due for use of hall.....	9 00
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	\$133 25

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. H. Choate, printing town reports.....	\$24 00
Danvers Water Board, water at cemetery and hall..	12 00
Elijah Richardson, moving ladder house.....	10 00
Jonathan Perley, record book.....	8 00
Wm. A. Phelps, administering oaths.....	1 25
H. A. Hutchinson, printing posters.....	1 25
B. T. McGlaulin, bolts.....	25
Dennis F. Cronan, repairing water-tank.....	5 00
D. J. Harrigan, repairing water-tank.....	5 00
Foote & Horton, blank book.....	6 00
J. W. Russell, labor on cemetery.....	50 00
J. M. Peabody, services as watchman.....	2 00
A. P. Tyler, cash paid for book.....	4 50
S. G. Campbell, building cess-pool	5 50
S. G. Campbell, one-half town hall fence.....	15 68
R. S. Carpenter, Carpenter & Co. hand-grenades...	22 00
H. F. Batchelder, returning births.....	3 50
J. W. Russell, repairing fence.....	1 25
J. W. Peabody, perambulating lines.....	4 00
W. H. Hutchinson, snow plow.....	5 00
Daniel O. Neal, abatement of taxes	48
Gustavus Parker, " " "	1 20
W. H. J. W. Rea, " " "	5 22
F. G. Merriam, storage for hose.....	4 00
Justin Allen returning deaths.....	75
J. W. Peabody, abatement of taxes.....	42 64
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, school supplies.....	5 42
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, sundries.....	2 53
J. W. Peabody, discount on taxes.....	249 96
M. J. Cheney, car-fare and express.....	1 55

Fairbank Brown & Co. scale, weights and measures	9 75
S. W. Weston, posts.....	4 09
M. E. Tyler, supplies for street lamps.....	4 98
Compensation of firemen.....	33 00
A. P. Tyler, perambulating lines.....	4 00
J. A. Batchelder, stationery and car-fare, etc.....	7 70
J. F. Higgins, cleaning brook.....	1 00
John M. Peobody, care street lamps.....	2 00
John M. Peabody, supplies " "	1 59
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	\$585 92

School Department.

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

Mary E. Burrill, teaching Grammar School.....	\$325 50
Sadie Newhall, teaching Primary School.....	216 00
Nellie A. Hanson, teaching Primary School.....	72 00
Albert F. Wedgewood, sawing wood	3 88
Ralph G. Peabody, care of schoolhouse.....	20 50
Mary Lever, cleaning schoolrooms.....	5 00
Batchelder & Co., coal.....	37 50
Jeremiah Fuller, wood.....	16 56
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	\$696 94

EAST SCHOOL.

Helen O. Frame, teaching.....	\$ 96 00
Clara E. Bryer, teaching.....	168 00
A. L. Peabody, services as Janitor.....	10 00
A. L. Peabody, sawing wood.....	3 50
J. B. Thomas, wood.....	4 00
M. E. Peabody, cleaning schoolroom.....	3 50
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	\$285 00

NORTH SCHOOL.

M. C. Smith, teaching.....	\$ 96 00
C. A. Bringham, teaching.....	168 00
Farnham Stiles, wood.....	18 26
Wm. Berry, wood.....	4 50
Otis Wilkins, wood.....	5 75
Albert Wilkins, services as janitor.....	6 75
Albert Wilkins, sawing wood.....	3 50
Sophronia Terrio, cleaning schoolhouse..	5 00
	<hr/> \$307 75
	\$1289 69
Balance due the schools.....	338 60
	<hr/> \$1628 29
Balance due the school last year.....	\$ 98 55
Town appropriation for schools.....	1200 00
Amt. received from State School Fund.	207 63
Amt. received from Dog Licenses.....	122 11
	<hr/> \$1628 29

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

John J. Grothe, use of well two years.....	\$10 00
“ “ “ repairs on school house.....	65
Lewis P. Tufts, “ “ “ “	65
J. H. Choate, printing school reports.....	13 00
Kendall E. Graves.....	1 60
Fanny Flint, illustrated book for primary school....	3 00
C. A. Bingham, sponge and pens.....	75
W. A. Russell, cleaning clock.....	1 50
J. Wallace Peabody, use of well.....	3 00
Farnham Stiles, use of well.....	3 00
Farnham Stiles, repairs on schoolhouse.....	50
Dennis Wells, repairs on schoolhouse.....	8 70
J. F. Ropes, stove and funnel.....	28 50
Geo. B. Flint, repairs on schoolhouse.....	1 50
M. E. Tyler, school supplies.....	4 36
A. G. Tyler, cash paid.....	46
	<hr/> \$81 30

Overseers' Department.

Lois Peabody board and care of Flint Estey.....	\$199 60
A. W. Peabody supplies for Flint Estey.....	4 33
H. F. Batchelder medicine and medical attendance for Flint Estey.....	17 00
Dennis Wells care of Flint Estey.....	10 50
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Flint Estey....	72
C. S. Buffum coffin and robe for remains of Flint Estey.....	14 00
J. W. Russel services as undertaker for Flint Estey.	6 00
Mr. E. Tyler, team for minister to attend funeral of Flint Estey,.....	75
Town of Peabody board and care of Rhoda Daniels.	40 21
C. S. Buffum coffin and robe for remains of Rhoda Daniels,.....	14 00
J. W. Russell, services as undertaker for Rhoda Daniels.....	7 00
O. L. Carlton aid for D. Gillespie.....	8 45
M. E. Tyler, supplies for D. Gillespie.....	16 50
B. F. McGlauffin aid " " "	1 20
H. F. Batchelder medicine and medical attendance for S. Terrio.....	2 50
John Devine, house rent for S. Terrio.....	15 00
M. E. Tyler, supplies for " "	4 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons for " "	1 62
J. T. Hayward " " "	1 00
A. W. Peabody " " "	8 07
Town of Melrose, aid for W. F. Russell,.....	34 85
City of Salem aid for H. Mansfield.....	41 31
J. J. Coguhlin, wood for Andrew Gould.....	5 50
Geo. B. Flint, " " " "	7 50
H. A. Wilkins & Sons supplies for Andrew Gould..	65 00
Eli Soper, wood for " "	5 63
J. F. Hayward, meat for Wm. Freeman.....	50
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Wm. Freeman	13 25
M. E. Tyler, " " " "	2 00
Lawrence House of Correction, board of R. H. Green.....	4 28

J. F. Hayward, meat for Dennis Wells.....	2 50
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Dennis Wells...	9 92
M. E. Tyler, supplies for tramp-house.....	8 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons supplies for tramp-house...	11 47
B. T. McGlauflin, window " " " ...	68
Batchelder & Co., coal " " " ...	9 63
B. F. McGlauflin, care of 254 tramps.....	25 40
A. A. Averill, wood for tramp-house.....	1 75
H. F. Batchelder, medicine and medical attendance for Cora Cheever.....	30 00
W Salkins, care of Cora Cheever.....	42 74
P. Gillespie, " " " "	7 00
A. W. Peabody, supplies for Cora Cheever.....	4 60
F. F. Wilkins, board of nurses for Cora Cheever...	13 81
John F. Richardson board of Caroline Kelly.....	7 50
H. F. Batchelder, medicine and medical attendance for H. Freeman.....	10 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for H. Freeman..	18 45
A. W. Peabody, supplies for H. Freeman.....	12 10
M. E. Tyler, " " " "	7 25
O. L. Carlton, services and cash paid.....	8 80
A. W. Peabody, " " " "	8 00
B. T. McGlauflin " " " "	20 00
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Whole amount of overseers orders drawn.....	856 82
Unsettled bills.....	8 00
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	\$864 82

Due from Saugus on account of Cora

Cheever.....\$106 15

Received from Reading on account of H.

Freeman.....47 80

Due from Dracut on account of Carolina

Kelly.....7 50

Unsettled bills of 1885 paid.....20 00

Whole cost of supporting poor.....683 37

\$864 82

Summary of Expenses.

Town Officers' bills.....	\$406 03
Highways and bridges.....	984 69
Snow bills.....	21 31
State Aid and Relief of Indigent Soldiers.....	512 10
Town Hall Expenses.....	112 73
Miscellaneous	585 92
Schools.....	1289 69
Incidental School Expenses.....	81 31
Poor Department.....	856 82
Flint Public Library.....	85 22
Free Text Books and Supplies.....	170 71
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Total amount of orders drawn.....	\$5106 53

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State Tax.....	\$ 450 00
County Tax.....	598 86
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	\$1048 86

The Selectment respectfully submit the following estimates of the sums necessary to be raised by taxation to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year :

Current Expenses.....	\$2000 00
Reduction of Town Debt.....	500 00
Interest.....	250 00
Schools	1200 00
School Books and Supplies.....	150 00
Highways	1100 00
Bridges	300 00
Public Library	100 00
Cemetery.....	50 00
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	\$5650 00

JESSE W. PEABODY, TAX COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH
THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON.

DR.

Tax list of 1884.....\$6342 36

CR.

Amt. paid Treasurer on list of 1885...\$4611 60

Amt. of County Tax paid..... 598 86

Uncollected on tax list of 1885.....1131 90

————— \$6342 36

DR.

Bal. of tax list 1884 as per last year's report.\$1058 33

Interest Collected..... 12 64

————— \$1070 97

CR.

Paid Treasurer on tax list of 1884\$590 28

Uncollected on tax list of 1884..... 480 69

————— \$1070 97

DR.

Bal. of tax list 1883 as per last year's report.....\$425 30

Interest Collected..... 27 91

————— \$453 21

CR.

Paid Treasurer on tax of 1883.....\$351 50

Uncollected on tax list of 1883 101 71

————— \$453 21

CR.

Paid Treasurer on tax list of 1882... ..\$33 72

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CUR-
RENT WITH THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON, FOR
THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 18, 1886.

To balance of last year's accounts.....\$2689 28

To cash of Reading. pauper account..... 15 69

DR.

To Cash of State Treasurer, pauper account.....	78 00
“ “ Reading, pauper account.....	32 11
“ “ Hazen S. Jones, cemetery lot.....	6 00
“ “ B. F. Emerson, cemetery lot.....	18 00
“ “ State Treasurer, corporation tax.....	162 25
“ “ “ “ bank tax.....	171 55
“ “ “ “ state aid.....	163 80
“ “ “ “ relief indigent soldiers	174 75
“ “ E. L. Lovejoy, peddler's license... .	3 00
“ “ Hazen Wildes, peddler's license.....	3 00
“ “ Mrs. James Gilbert, cemetery lot.....	7 00
“ “ County Treasurer, dog tax refunded..	122 11
“ “ Reading, pauper account.....	3 00
“ “ State Treasurer, school fund.....	207 63
“ “ M. J. Cheney, use of hall.....	124 25
“ “ M. J. Cheney, use of hall in 1884.....	18 50
“ “ Jesse W. Peabody, on tax list of 1882..	33 72
“ “ Jesse W. Peabody, on tax list of 1883..	351 50
“ “ Jesse W. Peabody, on tax list of 1884..	590 28
“ “ Jesse W. Peabody, on tax list of 1885..	4611 60
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	\$9587 02

By cash paid on notes.....	\$ 750 00
“ “ as interest on notes.....	325 00
“ “ State Treasurer, state tax	450 00
“ “ on Selectmen's orders... .	4249 20
“ “ on Overseers' orders....	856 82
Balance in Treasury.....	2956 00
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	\$9587 02

S. A. FLETCHER, TREAS.

Assessors' Valuation of Property.

Real Estate	\$453,820 00
Personal Estate.....	77,667 50
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	\$531,487 50

Number of Polls, 248.

Rate of Taxation, \$11.00 per \$1,000.

Tax on Polls.....	\$ 496 00
Tax on Real Estate.....	4992 02
Tax on Personal Estate.....	854 34
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	\$6342 36

Amount voted by the town for current expenses..	\$2000 00
“ “ “ “ reduction town debt	500 00
“ “ “ “ interest.....	300 00
“ “ “ “ schools.....	1200 00
“ “ “ “ school supplies....	100 00
“ “ “ “ highways.....	800 00
“ “ “ “ bridges.....	100 00
“ “ “ “ library.....	100 00
“ “ “ “ cemetery.....	50 00
“ “ “ “ enforcement of	
liquor laws.....	50 00
“ “ “ “ drain.....	25 00
State tax.....	450 00
County tax....	598 86
Overlay on taxes.....	68 50
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	\$6342 36

Selectman's Valuation of Town Property.

Flint Public Library.....	\$2650 00
Town Hall and land.....	6000 00
School Houses.....	8800 00
Lock-up.....	500 00
Cemetery.....	300 00
Hearse and House.....	400 00
Fire Apparatus.....	600 00
Gravel Pit.....	50 00
Safe.....	200 00
School Books in use.....	200 00
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	\$19,500 00

Financial Condition of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of town notes on interest at 5 per cent. . . .	\$5750 00
Amount due the schools	338 60
Amount due the Library	69 24
Amount of unsettled bills	50 00
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	\$6207 84

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per Treasurer's account . . .	\$2956 00
Due for State Aid reimbursements	183 00
Due from State for relief indigent soldiers	209 87
Due from Saugus, on pauper account	106 15
Due for Draçut, on pauper account	7 50
Due for use of Town Hall	9 00
Due for use of Town Hall in 1883	9 50
Due for Cemetery lots	48 00
School Books on hand	96 92
Amount of uncollected taxes for 1883	101 71
“ “ “ “ “ 1884	480 69
“ “ “ “ “ 1885	1131 90
Balance against the town	867 60
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	\$6207 84
Decrease in town debt	\$995 77

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	} Selectmen of Middleton
ANSEL P. TYLER,	
JESSE W. PEABODY,	

Middleton, Feb. 18, 1886.

Flint Public Library.

*The Trustees of Flint Public Library herewith present
their Seventh Annual Report.*

We are more than ever convinced of the great good resulting to the inhabitants of this place by the use of the Free Library. Its usefulness as an educational aid is manifest, as well as the enjoyment afforded those who avail themselves of its privileges, and although there seems to be a decrease in the number of books taken out of the Library, during the last two years, we think it may be accounted for, in a measure, by the gradual change in the character of the reading matter called for.

A volume of history or travels cannot be read as rapidly as a book of fiction, and a change from the latter to the former would naturally lessen the number of books taken out.

An addition was made to the number of books in the Library in March—a gift from our generous friend Hon. Charles L. Flint, and we have the pleasure of announcing a similar donation this year, and the books will be in circulation as soon as the necessary writing and printing can be accomplished.

We have occasion to notice the imperative need of additional accommodations for the increasing numbers of books, and trust that steps will be taken in the near future to that end.

Joseph A. Batchelder,	}	Trustees.
Samuel A. Fletcher,		
William A. Phelps,		
James Flint,		
Gilman A. Kimball,		
Ansel P. Tyler.		

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Books in the Library Feb. 1, 1885.....	2,998
“ Presented by Mr. William Weston.....	6
“ Purchased of Estes & Lauriat.....	129
“ Received from Mass. Secretary of State... ..	4
Total.....	3,137

Pamphlets Received from Newton Free Library.....	1
“ “ “ Essex Bar Association.....	1
“ “ “ Boston Public Library.....	1
“ “ “ U.S. Bureau of Education.....	8

Total during the year.....11

Whole number of books taken out of the Library from
Feb. 1, 1885 to Feb. 1, 1886.....6,065

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, *Librarian*.

Middleton, Feb. 1, 1886.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

G. A. Kimball, Treasurer, in Account with Flint Public Library, for the year ending February 18, 1886.

DR.

To balance of appropriation for the year 1883, as per Town Report for year 1884.....	\$ 54 46
To balance in treasury, Feb. 17, 1885.....	123 52
To amount appropriated by Town for the year 1885	100 00
To cash donated by the Hon. C. L. Flint.....	100 00
To cash received for fines.....	15 47
To cash received for cards and catalogues.....	1 91
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	\$395 36

CR.

By cash paid Librarian's Salary.....	\$ 64 00
By cash paid for new books.....	125 91
By cash paid for kerosene.....	60
By cash paid for Express on Books.....	1 70
By cash paid for car fare.....	2 08

By cash paid for preparing catalogues	5	50	
By cash paid for printing supplement to catalogue	15	00	
By cash paid for binding books	12	97	
Paper for covering books	75		
Balance in Treasury	166	85	
	————		\$395 36

GILMAN A. KIMBALL, *Treas.*

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

To Martin J. Cheney, Constable of the Town of Middleton, in the County of Essex,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on MONDAY, the first day of March, next, at *nine o'clock in the forenoon*, then and there to act on the following article:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To see how much money the town will raise to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

ART. 5. To act on the list of Jurors prepared and posted by the selectmen.

ART. 6. To see what action the town will take concerning the cemetery, and in relation to extending the water-pipe therein.

ART. 7. To see what action the town will take in relation to letting the Town Hall.

ART. 8. To vote upon the question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? The vote shall be by separate ballot; and the ballot shall be "yes" or "no" in answer to said question.

ART. 9. To see what action the town will take in regard to the enforcement of the laws against the sale of intoxicating liquors.

ART. 10. To see what action the town will take in regard to re-building and repairing bridges and culverts.

ART. 11. To see what regulations the town will make in regard to fishing in Middleton Pond.

ART. 12. To see what measures the town will adopt for the removal of snow from the sidewalks.

ART. 13. To see what action the town will take for the prevention of fires, and in respect to the appointment and compensation of firemen.

ART. 14. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a town treasurer, when appointed collector, may use.

ART. 15. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, under the direction of the selectmen, to hire such sums of money in anticipation of the taxes, as may be necessary to meet current expenses.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office, in said town, seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of February, A. D., 1886.

J. A. BATCHELDER,	}	Selectmen of Middleton.
ANSEL P. TYLER,		
JESSE W. PEABODY,		



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF MIDDLETON

FOR THE

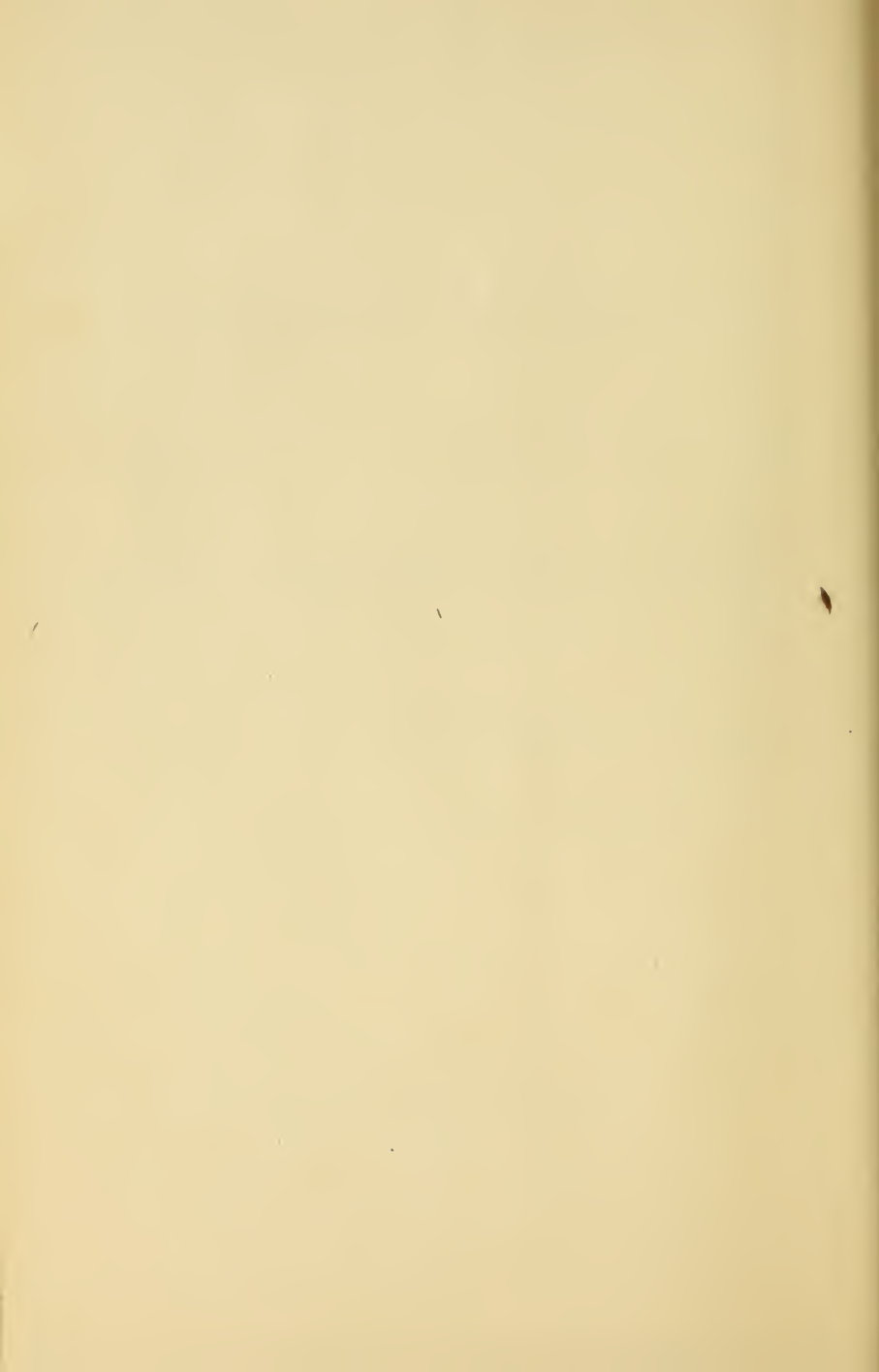
YEAR ENDING FEB. 18, 1887.



SALEM:

OBSERVER BOOK AND JOB PRINT.

1887.



REPORT.

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

TOWN OFFICERS.

J. A. Batchelder, as Selectman and Assessor,	\$55 40
Ansel P. Tyler, " " " "	53 40
Jesse W. Peabody, " " " "	60 35
Joseph A. Batchelder, as Town Clerk, . . .	8 00
J. A. Batchelder, recording births, marriages, and deaths,	15 35
Jerome Leavitt, as Constable,	15 00
Ansel P. Tyler, as School Committee, . . .	30 00
Martin J. Cheney, " "	25 00
Samuel A. Fletcher, " "	26 00
Jesse W. Peabody, as Collector,	73 05
J. A. Batchelder, as Registrar of Voters, . . .	5 00
A. P. Tyler, " " " "	5 00
Jesse W. Peabody, " " " "	5 00
Farnham Stiles, as Sealer of Weights and Measures,	3 00
John F. Higgins, as Fish Warden,	5 00
Jerome Leavitt, as Superintendent of Burials, .	10 00
Benjamin T. McGlauflin, as Forest Fireward, .	2 00
Jerome Leavitt, extra services as Constable, .	2 00
Samuel A. Fletcher, services as Treasurer, .	25 00

\$423 55

EXPENSE OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Ward 1.	Charles O. Berry, Surveyor,	.	.	\$101 65
2.	George Daniels,	"	.	204 53
3.	Lyman Darling,	"	.	42 00
4.	George E. Soper,	"	.	72 85
5.	John J. Coughlin,	"	.	63 00
6.	Leverett H. Wilkins,	"	.	53 00
7.	Frank L. Esty,	"	.	60 00
8.	William T. Martin,	"	.	137 80
9.	Samuel M. Peabody,	"	.	65 00
10.	Sylvanus Flint,	"	.	70 00
	Thomas Carlin, labor,	.	.	16 50
	Charles E. Mason, labor,	.	.	10 50
	Walter L. Harris, labor,	.	.	10 00
	Nathan Martin, labor,	.	.	3 25
	William H. Hutchinson, labor,	.	.	3 00
	Jason Richardson, labor,	.	.	19 60
	Town of Danvers, repairing half Andover St.			
	bridge,	.	.	46 72
	John J. Grothe, bolts for bridge,	.	.	12 68
	Frank McDonald, work on log bridge,	.	.	35 25
	George Daniels, work on bridges,	.	.	43 47
	S. E. McGlauffin, " " " " " " " "	.	.	120 75
	Thomas Carlin, " " " " " " " "	.	.	4 00
	Elijah Richardson, " " " " " " " "	.	.	3 00
	Town of Danvers, rebuilding Log bridge,	.	.	50 72
	Town of Peabody, repairing paper mill bridge,	.	.	72 05
	William H. Beverly, work on bridges,	.	.	9 90
	Frank W. Stewart, " " " " " " " "	.	.	3 50
	Samuel M. Peabody, " " " " " " " "	.	.	3 40
	John A. Curtis, " " " " " " " "	.	.	8 00
	H. A. Wilkins & Sons, spikes for bridges,	.	.	3 16
	Moses Wedgewood, labor on highways,	.	.	12 70
	Turner & Harrington, lumber,	.	.	3 54

E. J. Fletcher, gravel,	1 10
Jesse W. Peabody, labor and cash paid,	5 36
Daniel Fuller, labor on bridge,	1 50
H. Woodbury, covering stones,	1 00
J. B. Thomas & Co., lumber and labor,	14 53
John B. King, labor on bridge,	2 50
A. P. Tyler, use of horse,	2 00
George Daniels, labor on highway,	3 69
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	\$1397 20

SNOW BILLS.

George Daniels, removing snow,	\$3 50
John J. Coughlin, " "	1 00
H. T. Sheldon, " "	1 50
John J. Coughlin, " "	2 75
Charles O. Berry, " "	9 40
Charles O. Berry, clearing sidewalks,	30 90
Sylvanus Flint, removing snow,	5 00
George E. Soper, " "	3 25
William T. Martin, removing snow,	4 20
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	\$61 50

STATE AID AND RELIEF OF INDIGENT SOLDIERS.

Orders drawn for State Aid from Feb. 1, 1886	
to Feb. 1, 1887,	\$178 00
Orders drawn for relief of Indigent Soldiers,	
from Feb. 17, 1886, to Feb. 23, 1887, as follows:	
Patrick Gillespie,	87 00
Benjamin W. Peabody, Jr.,	147 00

Charles H. Peabody,	12 00
Isaiah B. Peabody,	147 00
Dennis Wells,	63 00
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	\$634 00

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

EXPENSES.

Batchelder & Co., coal,	\$ 13 00
Jerome Leavitt, services as janitor,	134 20
Jerome Leavitt, cash paid for supplies,	51 63
M. J. Cheney, services as janitor,	12 00
Balance in favor of Town,	38 42
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	\$249 25

RECEIPTS.

M. J. Cheney, for use of hall,	\$ 22 00
Jerome Leavitt, for use of hall,	225 00
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	\$249 25

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Balance of last year's appropriation,	\$ 69 24
Appropriation,	100 00
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	\$169 24
Deduct amount drawn,	147 56
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Balance due library,	\$21 68

MISCELLANEOUS.

Frank W. Stewart, work on Town Hall,	\$4 30
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Danvers Water board, use of water, . . .	12 00
John H. Choate & Co., printing Town Reports, . . .	24 00
A. J. Morse & Son, double hydrant gate, . . .	25 25
Jerome Leavitt, labor at cemetery and cash paid for seed and trees,	62 92
G. W. Pease & Co., printing School Reports, . . .	33 75
Maurice E. Tyler, damages to team on highway, . . .	5 00
John Jage, cleaning clock,	1 85
T. P. Merriam, storage for hose,	4 00
B. T. McGlauffin, cash paid fire hooks and print- ing notices,	1 53
D. J. Harrigan, repairing water pipe,	2 00
Danvers Water Board, water pipe,	67 75
Danvers Water Board, repairs on hydrants, . . .	10 00
Dennis Wells, snow plow,	3 00
H. F. Batchelder, returning births,	4 00
H. A. Wilkins & Son, rope,	2 90
Maurice E. Tyler, supplies for street lamp, . . .	4 01
Jerome Leavitt, casket strap,	80
Jerome Leavitt, labor at cemetery,	37 08
A. W. Peabody, for damages to horse on highway, . . .	5 00
Compensation of firemen,	36 00
John M. Peabody, care street lamp and cash, . . .	12 15
Jesse W. Peabody, discount allowed on taxes, . . .	269 94
Jesse W. Peabody, perambulating town lines, . . .	2 00
Jesse W. Peabody, cash paid for book,	95
Jesse W. Peabody, abatement of taxes,	69 13
J. A. Batchelder, journeys out of town and car fare,	4 30
J. A. Batchelder, cash paid for stationery, ex- pressage, etc.,	5 23
Porter J. Gould, abatement of tax,	1 20
A. P. Tyler, cash paid for town books and car fare, . . .	3 50
A. P. Tyler, cash paid for perambulating town lines, . . .	2 00

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

CENTRE SCHOOL.

Mary E. Burrill, teaching in 1885,	\$66 00
Mary E. Burrill, teaching in 1886,	275 00
Nelly A. Hanson, teaching in 1885,	54 00
Nelly A. Hanson, teaching in 1886,	117 00
Effie S. Ross, teaching in 1886,	225 00
Clara A. Ross, teaching,	130 00
Ralph G. Peabody, services as janitor in 1885,	15 00
Ralph G. Peabody, sawing wood in 1885,	1 60
Ralph G. Peabody, services as janitor,	35 00
Jeremiah Fuller, wood,	11 73
A. F. Wedgewood, sawing wood,	3 50
Batchelder & Co., coal,	25 00
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NORTH SCHOOL.

C. A. Bingham, teaching in 1885,	\$54 00
C. A. Bingham, teaching in 1886,	117 00
Emma Putney, teaching in 1886,	200 00
Otis Wilkins, janitor in 1885,	8 50
Albert Wilkins, janitor,	14 50
Albert Wilkins, sawing wood,	6 50
Hiram A. Stiles, wood,	4 50
William Berry, wood,	2 00
Leverett H. Wilkins, wood,	6 00
Farnham Stiles, wood,	20 25
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EAST SCHOOL.

Clara E. Bryer, teaching in 1885, .	\$54 00	
Clara E. Bryer, teaching in 1886, .	367 50	
Porter I. Gould, wood in 1885, .	25 00	
Porter I. Gould, wood, . . .	22 50	
J. B. Thomas, wood, . . .	5 50	
Amos L. Peabody, sawing wood, .	5 50	
Amos L. Peabody, janitor, . . .	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$490 00
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		\$1882 08

Town appropriation for schools,	\$1200 00	
Balance due schools last year, .	338 60	
Amt. received from State school fund,	207 18	
Amt. received from dog licenses, .	123 58	
Balance due the town, . . .	12 72	
	<hr/>	\$1882 08

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Frank W. Stewart, repairs on school house,	\$8 72	
John Gage, repairs on school house, . .	2 50	
Farnham Stiles, use of well, . . .	3 00	
Farnham Stiles, repairs on school house, . .	1 00	
J. F. Porter, chairs for East school, . . .	4 70	
L. Wilkin, cleaning school house, . . .	2 50	
B. Peabody, cleaning school house, . . .	2 50	
Nathan Martin, repairs, . . .	13 50	
Dennis Wells, repairs, . . .	1 75	
Geo. B. Flint, repairs, . . .	1 50	
Nathan Martin, repairs, . . .	3 15	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies, . . .	4 02	
J. E. Ropes, stoves, . . .	55 06	
John Wallace Peabody, use of well, . .	3 00	
Maurice E. Tyler, supplies, . . .	1 74	

J. J. Grothe, use of well,	5 00
A. P. Tyler, cash for supplies,	8 42
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	\$122 06

TEXT BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

George F. King and Merrill, books and supplies,	\$12 22
J. L. Hammett, books and supplies,	87 18
Adams and Ingraham, books and supplies,	9 28
Adams and Ingraham, " " "	14 05
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., books and supplies,	8 04
J. L. Hammett, books and supplies,	49 19
John E. Boyle, " " " . . .	7 15
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	\$187 11

OVERSEERS' DEPARTMENT.

Geo. B. Flint, wood for Andrew Gould,	\$20 50
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Andrew Gould,	65 00
B. T. McGlaulin, car fare and expenses to Boston for Dennis Wells,	2 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies to Dennis Wells,	2 00
Darius W. Case, wood for F. F. Wilkins,	1 50
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for F. F. Wilkins,	16 00
A. W. Peabody, milk for F. F. Wilkins,	4 90
Dr. Batchelder, medicine and medical attendance for Mrs. Wm. Freeman,	44 00
Frank Leslie, supplies for Mrs. Wm. Freeman.	1 50
Mrs. Bartlett, care of " " "	34 00
Henry Freeman, care of children of Mrs. Wm. Freeman,	5 41
B. T. McGlaulin supplies for Mrs. Wm. Freeman,	16 91

Geo. B. Flint wood for Mrs. Wm. Freeman, .	3 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Mrs. Wm. Freeman, .	
Freeman,	17 40
O. L. Carlton, wood for Mrs. Wm. Freeman, .	7 22
M. E. Tyler, supplies for " " " .	1 00
A. W. Peabody, " " " " " .	1 00
J. F. Hayward, " " " " " .	5 09
City of Boston, aid for Geo. Goldthwait, .	29 00
B. T. McGlauflin, car fare to Boston for Charles Peabody,	1 20
No. Reading, aid for Geo. Margeson,	5 00
City of Salem, supplies for Henry Mansfield, .	49 99
Dennis Wells, cutting wood for Tramp house, .	4 75
Batchelder & Co., coal for Tramp house, .	13 50
Daniel Fuller, wood for " "	4 68
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Tramp house, .	20 63
B. T. McGlauflin, cleaning Tramp house, .	3 00
B. T. McGlauflin, locking up 265 Tramps, .	26 50
B. T. McGlauflin, for board and care of George Keifer,	2 50
Dr. Batchelder, medicine and medical attendance for Geo. Keifer,	4 00
Town of Melrose, aid for Wm. F. Russell, .	79 50
J. F. Hayward, meal for S. Terrio,	1 50
Dr. Batchelder, medicine and medical attendance for Cora Cheever,	6 00
S. F. Esty, board of Carrie A. Seaver,	27 00
B. T. McGlauflin, cash, " "	1 00
H. P. Ives, book for Overseers,	60
O. L. Carlton, services and cash paid,	8 00
A. W. Peabody, " " " " "	8 00
B. T. McGlauflin " " " " "	20 00
Whole amount of overseers' orders drawn, .	\$564 77
Unsettled bills,	5 00
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	\$569 78

Due from the state,	\$ 6 50	
Received from Saugus on account of Cora Cheever,	6 00	
Received from Boston on account of Carrie A. Seaver,	28 00	
Unsettled bills of 1886 paid, . . .	8 00	
Whole cost of supporting the poor,	521 28	
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SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Town Officers' bills,	\$ 425 55	
Highways and Bridges,	1397 20	
Snow Bills,	61 50	
State Aid and Relief of Indigent Soldiers, .	634 00	
Town Hall Expenses,	210 83	
Flint Public Library,	147 56	
Miscellaneous,	717 44	
Schools,	1882 08	
Incidental School Expenses,	122 06	
Free Text books and Supplies,	187 11	
Poor Department,	564 78	
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Total amount of orders drawn,	\$6350 11	

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State Tax,	\$435 00	
County Tax,	568 44	
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	\$1003 44	

The Selectmen respectfully submit the following estimates of the sums necessary to be raised by taxation to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year :

Current Expenses,	. . . . .	\$2000 00
Schools,	. . . . .	1200 00
School Books and Supplies,	175 00
Highways,	1000 00
Bridges,	100 00
Public Library,	100 00
Cemetary,	50 00
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		\$4625 00

JESSE W. PEABODY, TAX COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT
WITH THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON.

DR.

Tax list of 1886,	\$7272 23
Additional assessments,	31 26
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		\$7303 49

CR.

Amt. paid Treasurer on list of 1886,	\$5355 76
Amt. of County Tax paid,	. . . 568 44
Uncollected on tax list of 1886,	. . . 1379 29
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	\$7303 49

DR.

Bal. of tax list 1885 as per last year's report,	\$1131 90
Interest Collected, 23 28
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	\$1155 18

CR.

Paid Treasurer on tax list of 1885,	\$663 90
Uncollected on Tax list of 1885,	. . . 491 28
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	\$1155 18

DR.

Bal. of list of 1884 as per last year's report,	\$480 69
Interest collected on Tax list of 1884,	. . . 25 86
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	\$506 55

CR.

Amt. paid Treasurer on list of 1884,	\$485 04	
Uncollected on tax list of 1884,	21 51	
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DR.

Bal. of list of 1883 as per last year's report	\$101 71	
Interested collected on tax list of 1883,	8 48	
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CR.

Paid Treasurer on tax of 1883,	\$110 19
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SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 25, 1887.

DR.

To balance of last year's account,	\$2956 00
“ cash of Daniel Peabody, aid furnished to	
Mary Peabody,	28 00
“ cash of Saugus, pauper account,	100 00
“ “ “ A. E. Averill, cemetery lot,	9 00
“ “ “ S. M. Peabody, cemetery lot,	10 00
“ “ “ E. Lovejoy, peddler's license,	3 00
“ “ “ Dracut, pauper account,	7 50
“ “ “ School Committee, books sold,	1 32
“ “ “ G. A. Currier, cemetery lot,	10 00
“ “ “ F. E. Campbell, cemetery lot,	7 25
“ “ “ State Treasurer, corporation tax,	182 54
“ “ “ “ “ bank tax,	127 70
“ “ “ “ “ state aid,	188 88
“ “ “ “ “ relief of indigent	
soldiers,	165 00
“ cash of State Treasurer, school fund,	207 18
“ “ “ County Treasurer, dog tax refunded,	123 58

To cash of Boston, pauper account,	28 00
“ “ “ M. J. Cheney, use of hall,	22 00
“ “ “ Jerome Leavitt, use of hall,	227 25
“ “ “ Jesse W. Peabody, on tax list of 1883,	110 19
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1884,	485 04
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1885,	663 90
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	
1886,	5355 76
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	\$11,019 09

CR.

By cash paid on notes,	\$3,250 00
“ “ “ as interest on notes,	328 96
“ “ “ State Treasurer, state	
tax,	435 00
“ “ “ State Treasurer, tax re-	
funded,	27 93
“ “ “ on Selectmen's orders,	5,776 43
“ “ “ on Overseers' order,	564 68
Balance in Treasury,	636 09
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	\$11,019 09

S. A. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

ASSESSORS' VALUATION OF PROPERTY.

Real Estate,	\$456,975 00
Personal Estate,	72,730 37
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	\$529,705 37

Number of polls, 246.

Rate of Taxation, \$12.80 per 1000.

Tax on Polls,	\$492 00
Tax on Real Estate,	5,849 28
Tax on Personal Estate,	930 95
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	\$7,272 23

Amount voted by the town for current ex-	
penses,	\$2000 00
Amount voted by the town for reduction of	
debt,	867 60
Amount voted by the town for interest,	250 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ schools,	1200 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ school supplies,	150 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ highways,	1100 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ bridges,	300 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ library,	100 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ cemetery,	100 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ water pipes,	45 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ enforcement of	
liquor laws,	50 00
State Tax,	435 00
County Tax,	568 44
Overlay on taxes,	106 19
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	\$7,272 23

SELECTMEN'S VALUATION OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Flint Public Library,	\$2,650 00
Town Hall and land,	6,000 00
School Houses,	8,800 00
Lock-up,	500 00
Cemetery,	300 00
Hearse and house,	400 00
Fire apparatus,	600 00
Gravel pit,	50 00
Safe,	200 00
School Books in use,	225 00
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	\$19,725 00

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of town notes on interest at 5 per cent.,	\$2,500 00
Amount due the Library,	21 68
Amount of unsettled bills,	50 00
Excess of cash assets above indebtedness,	496 41
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	\$3,068 09

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per Treasurer's account,	\$636 09
Due for State Aid Reimbursements,	178 00
Due from State for relief of Indigent soldiers,	228 00
Due from state on pauper account,	6 00
Due for cemetery lots,	27 75
Due from school account,	12 72
School books on hand,	87 45
Amount of uncollected taxes for 1884,	21 51
" " " " " 1885,	491 28
" " " " " 1886,	1,379 29
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	\$3,068 09

The town is now practically out of debt, the cash assets being \$496.41 more than the amount necessary to pay all outstanding claims.

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	{	Selectmen of Middleton.
ANSEL P. TYLER,		
JESSE W. PEABODY,		

MIDDLETON, February 25, 1887.

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

*The Trustees of Flint Public Library herewith present
their Eighth Annual Report.*

We have little to offer in addition to what has been said in previous years.

We are convinced that our library contains a rich fund of information and are pleased to notice that some of our young people are developing a taste for substantial reading.

The large number of books which was added to the Library in the early part of the year, the gift of our generous friend, Hon. C. L. Flint, contained not only the books purchased by the appropriation of his annual gift of one hundred dollars, but also a number of valuable books selected by himself, including a fine set of works on Natural History, and a set of books containing a copy of the early Records of Boston.

We shall, as soon as possible, expend the recent gift of another one hundred dollars from our benefactor, and would ask those interested in our Library to assist in the selection of new books, by sending to the Trustees a list of books from which to select.

GILMAN A. KIMBALL,	} Trustees.
JAMES FLINT,	
JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	
WILLIAM A. PHELPS,	
ANSEL P. TYLER,	
SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,	

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Books in the Library, Feb. 1, '86,	3,137
Books purchased of Estes & Lauriat,	112
Books presented by Hon. C. L. Flint,	69
“ “ “ Mr. William Weston,	7
Books received from Mass. Secretary of State,	2
“ “ “ U. S. Bureau of Education,	1

 3,328

Pamphlets rec'd from U. S. Bureau of Education,	18
“ “ “ “ Civil Service Commission,	1
“ “ “ Newton Free Library,	1
“ “ “ Hon. C. L. Flint,	4
Total,	24

Whole number of books taken out of the Library from Feb. 1, 1886, to Feb. 1, 1887, 5769.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,

MIDDLETON, Feb. 1st, 1887.

Librarian.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

G. A. Kimball, Treasurer, in account with Flint Public Library, for the year ending February 18, 1887.

DR.

To balance in Treasury, Feb. 18th, 1886,	\$166 85
To amount appropriated by town for the year 1886,	100 00
To cash donated by Hon. C. L. Flint,	100 00
To cash received for cards and fines,	14 15
To cash received for catalogues,	75

 \$381 75

CR.

By cash paid for new books, . . .	\$129 01	
By cash paid for rebinding books,	16 53	
By cash paid for printing supplements,	18 00	
By cash paid for preparing supplements,	6 00	
By cash paid for insurance on books,	18 00	
By cash paid for Librarian's salary,	64 00	
By cash paid for express on books,	2 25	
By cash paid for paper for covering books,	2 24	
By cash paid for rubber stamp for library,	1 75	
By cash paid for car fare to Boston,	1 04	
By cash paid for mucilage, . . .	75	
By cash paid for kerosene, . . .	50	
Balance in treasury, . . .	121 68	
		<hr/> \$381 75

G. A. KIMBALL, Treasurer.

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

To Jerome Leavitt, Constable of the Town of Middleton, in the County of Essex.

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on MONDAY, the seventh day of March, next, at *nine o'clock in the forenoon*, then and there to act on the following articles:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To see how much money the town will raise to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

ART. 5. To act on the list of Jurors prepared and posted by the selectmen.

ART. 6. To see what action the Town will take in concerning the cemetery.

ART. 7. To see what action the Town will take in regard to purchasing a hearse.

ART. 8. To see what action the town will take in relation to letting the Town Hall.

ART. 9. To vote upon the question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? The vote will be by separate ballot; and the ballot shall be "yes" or "no" in answer to said question.

ART. 10. To see what action the town will take in regard to the enforcement of the laws against the sale of intoxicating liquors.

ART. 11. To see what regulations the town will make in regard to fishing in Middleton Pond.

ART. 12. To see what measures the town will adopt for the removal of snow from the sidewalks.

ART. 13. To see what action the town will take in regard to the highway, near what is known as "Ferncroft Hill."

ART. 14. To see what action the town will take for the prevention of fires and in respect to the compensation of firemen.

ART. 15. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a town treasurer, when appointed collector, may use.

ART. 16. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, under the direction of the selectmen, to hire such sums of money, in anticipation of the taxes, as may be necessary to meet current expenses.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office, in said town, seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-fifth day of February, A. D., 1887.

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	}	Selectmen of Middleton.
ANSEL P. TYLER,		
JESSE W. PEABODY,		

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF MIDDLETON

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 23, 1888.



SALEM:

OBSERVER BOOK AND JOB PRINT.

1888.

REPORT.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

Annie B. Stott, teaching Grammar School, . .	\$374 00
Effie S. Ross, teaching Primary School, . . .	297 00
Ralph G. Peabody, services as janitor, . . .	35 00
Batchelder & Co., coal,	30 00
L. H. Wilkins, wood,	10 00
A. F. Wedgwood, sawing wood,	3 50
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	\$749 50

NORTH SCHOOL.

Emma Putney, teaching,	\$280 00
Fred B. Lake, services as janitor,	7 50
S. H. Wilkins, wood,	2 25
Farnham Stiles, wood,	21 00
L. H. Wilkins, wood,	4 50
F. B. Lake, sawing wood,	4 50
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	\$319 75

EAST SCHOOL.

Clara E. Bryer, teaching,	\$350 00
George P. Gould, services as janitor,	5 00
Batchelder & Co., coal,	15 00

Lincoln H. Jones, services as janitor, .	5 00	
L. H. Jones, sawing wood, . . .	1 50	
J. B. Thomas & Co., wood,	10 72	
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		\$1,456 47
Balance due the town last year, . . .	12 72	
Balance due the schools,	271 96	
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Town appropriation for schools, . . .	\$1,400 00	
Amt. received from State school fund,	208 40	
Amount received from dog licenses, .	132 75	
	<hr/>	\$1,741 15

TEXT BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

J. L. Hammett, supplies,	\$3 45
Adams & Ingraham, supplies,	30 36
J. L. Hammett, supplies,	25 58
C. W. Clark, supplies,	12 00
J. L. Hammett, books,	26 22
J. L. Hammett, supplies,	14 81
J. L. Hammett, maps and globe,	26 50
J. L. Hammett, supplies,	29 52
A. P. Tyler, supplies,	10 18
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	\$178 62

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

C. H. Shepard, printing school reports, . . .	\$29 00
F. W. Stewart, repairs on East school-house, .	7 88
George B. Flint, labor " " " .	56 00
Elijah Richardson, " " " .	12 55

J. B. Thomas & Co., lumber for East school-house,	5 86
Nathan Martin, repairs on Centre " "	4 68
Clara E. Bryer, glass,	27
Mary Lever, cleaning school-rooms,	1 60
H. K. Carleton, repairs,	5 74
Sarah P. Johnson, cleaning school-house,	5 25
Farnham Stiles, use of well,	3 00
Farnham Stiles, repairs on North school-house,	1 00
Thomas Carlin, labor,	3 60
Dr. H. F. Batchelder, medical services,	2 00
Bertha Peabody, cleaning school-room,	5 00
Daniel Fuller, labor,	1 50
J. J. Grothe, use of well,	5 00
C. P. Perkins, supplies,	1 05
G. B. Flint, labor at Centre school-house,	2 25
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies,	5 23
W. W. Esty, repairs,	2 50
M. E. Tyler, supplies,	3 58
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\$164 54	

OVERSEERS' DEPARTMENT.

H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Andrew Gould,	\$65 00
Geo. B. Flint, wood for Andrew Gould,	6 00
A. A. Averill, " " " "	15 12
C. H. & J. Price, medicine for Mary Bancroft,	3 00
C. E. Newhall, " " " "	3 05
D. B. Gardner and others, for Mary Bancroft,	8 14
Dr. H. F. Batchelder, medicine and medical attendance for Mary Bancroft,	39 00
C. J. Perkins, meat for Mary Bancroft,	1 75
J. F. Hayward, " " " "	12 96
A. Higgins, milk, " " "	2 20

Lydia M. Peabody, care of Mary Bancroft,	12 00
Kate Benson, " " " " . .	6 25
M. Bartlett, " " " " . .	16 75
M. A. Shay, " " " " . .	21 86
Mary Howard, " " " " . .	28 00
John F. Mitchel, fish and oysters for Mary Bancroft,	3 83
B. T. McGlauflin, chickens and fowls for Mary Bancroft,	6 45
B. T. McGlauflin, fruit and medicine for Mary Bancroft,	2 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Mary Ban- croft,	57 51
A. A. Averill, wood for Mary Bancroft, . .	7 62
" " " getting stove and rent on same, for Mary Bancroft,	4 00
A. A. Averill, time and expense to Lowell and Salem, for Mary Bancroft,	8 12
Warren & Co., coal for Mary Bancroft, . .	8 00
Rev. Wm. Raider, services at funeral of Mary Bancroft,	5 00
C. S. Buffum, coffin for Mary Bancroft, . .	13 00
B. A. Smith of Lawrence, for burial of Mary Bancroft,	2 50
Ex. on coffin for Mary Bancroft,	40
M. E. Tyler, team for Mary Bancroft, . . .	1 50
Jerome Leavitt, expense at Lawrence, for Mary Bancroft,	50
Jerome Leavitt, car fare to Salem and back, for Mary Bancroft,	56
Jerome Leavitt, for burial of Mary Bancroft, .	8 00
Dr. H. F. Batchelder, medicine and medical attendance for Mrs. Wm. Freeman, . . .	10 00
Merriam & Tyler, shoes for Mrs. Wm. Freeman,	1 50

H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Mrs. Wm. Freeman,	4 00
City of Salem, aid for Henry Mansfield,	50 31
Town of Beverly, aid for F. F. Wilkins,	172 01
“ “ “ “ Sereno Terrio,	21 75
“ “ Melrose, “ “ Wm. F. Russell,	
Groceries,	140 75
Rent,	105 50
Fuel,	40 03
Medicine and medical attendance,	113 65
Shoes,	22 95
Town of Lynnfield, aid for Geo. Margeson,	69 62
Henry Freeman, board of Lucy Freeman,	69 00
Frank Leslie, supplies for tramp house,	1 22
Batchelder & Co., coal,	15 50
Warren Wilkins, wood and cutting,	3 50
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies,	26 58
B. T. McGlauffin, locking up 327 tramps,	32 70
J. O'Regan, printing blanks for overseers,	2 50
B. T. McGlauffin, services and cash paid,	20 00
A. W. Peabody, “ “ “ “	10 00
A. A. Averill, “ “ “ “	10 00
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Whole amount of Overseers' orders drawn,	1,314 14
Unsettled bills,	50 00
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	\$1,364 14

Received from Reading, on account of

Lucy Freeman, 69 00

Due from the State, on account of Geo.

Margeson, 15 00

Unsettled bills of 1887, 5 00

Received from W. E. Peabody, for coal, 6 00

Whole cost of supporting the poor, 1,269 14

\$1,364 14

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

EXPENSE OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Ward 1.	Charles O. Berry, Surveyor,	.	.	\$81 75
2.	B. T. McGlauffin,	"	.	153 70
3.	Lyman Darling,	"	.	40 00
4.	George E. Soper,	"	.	60 10
5.	John J. Coughlin,	"	.	52 00
6.	Leverett H. Wilkins,	"	.	69 25
7.	Thomas Carlin,	"	.	58 00
8.	William T. Martin,	"	.	140 00
9.	Samuel M. Peabody,	"	.	60 00
10.	Sylvanus Flint,	"	.	60 50
	Daniel Fuller, labor,	.	.	4 50
	S. M. Peabody, labor on bridge,	.	.	3 50
	S. E. McGlaughlin, labor on bridge,	.	.	17 50
	John A. Curtis,	"	"	2 20
	J. H. Fletcher,	"	"	2 40
	Jesse W. Peabody,	"	"	4 00
	Turner & Harrington, lumber for bridges,	.	.	74 09
	Thomas Carlin, labor on South Main street,	.	.	25 00
	Thomas Carlin, labor on Pleasant street,	.	.	9 00
	Jacob W. Parker, labor on So. Main street,	.	.	2 50
	George Daniels, labor on Ferncroft Hill,	.	.	18 00
	J. W. Daniels,	"	"	18 00
	J. E. Barnaby,	"	"	16 00
	J. W. Peabody,	"	"	18 00
	L. S. Wilkins,	"	"	6 00
	P. Donovan,	"	"	3 50
	O. H. Rennerd,	"	"	3 50
	W. Thomas, labor on Lake street,	.	.	2 00
	J. E. Barnaby,	"	"	5 00
	T. Donovan,	"	"	3 50

Albert Cheney, labor on Lake street,	. . .	75
S. W. Weston, " " " "	. . .	3 20
Otis Wilkins, " " " "	. . .	2 00
A. P. Tyler, use of horse,	. . .	75
J. A. Berry, labor on North Main street,	. . .	2 50
P. Donovan, " " " " "	. . .	5 50
George Daniels, " " " " "	. . .	4 00
D. G. Berry, " " " " "	. . .	8 60
C. E. Mason, " " " " "	. . .	6 90
M. Wedgewood, " " " " "	. . .	2 00
J. W. Peabody, " " " " "	. . .	4 60
C. E. Mason, gravel,	2 65
C. E. Mason, labor,	2 00
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		\$1,058 94

SNOW BILLS.

John J. Coughlin, removing snow,	. . .	\$2 25
Thomas Carlin, " " " "	. . .	1 60
Charles O. Berry, " " from sidewalks,	. . .	10 00
" " " " " " "	. . .	8 00
" " " " " " "	. . .	3 50
George E. Soper, removing snow,	. . .	2 00
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		\$27 35

SIDEWALKS.

George Daniels, labor on sidewalks,	. . .	\$14 00
Charles O. Berry, " " " "	. . .	8 00
Jesse W. Daniels, " " " "	. . .	15 00
Warren Thomas, " " " "	. . .	7 80
B. T. McGlaughlin, " " " "	. . .	5 00
A. W. Peabody, " " " "	. . .	1 50
J. W. Peabody, " " " "	. . .	7 50

P. Donovan,	labor on sidewalks,	12 55
J. Barnaby,	“ “ “	7 00
J. A. Parker,	“ “ “	5 00
W. H. Hutchinson,	“ “ “	8 15
A. P. Tyler,	“ “ “	6 25
M. J. Cheney,	cement pipe,	3 30
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		\$101 05

TOWN OFFICERS.

J. A. Batchelder, as Selectman and Assessor,	\$55 95
Jesse W. Peabody, as “ “ “	65 28
Andrew W. Peabody, as Selectman and Assessor,	48 19
Joseph A. Batchelder, as Town Clerk,	8 00
J. A. Batchelder, recording births, marriages and deaths,	12 50
Jerome Leavitt, services as Constable,	15 00
A. P. Tyler, services as School Committee,	25 00
S. A. Fletcher, services as School Committee,	25 00
S. T. LeBaron, “ “ “ “	20 00
Jesse W. Peabody, as Collector,	74 87
J. A. Batchelder, as Registrar of Voters,	6 00
Jesse W. Peabody, as “ “ “	6 00
A. W. Peabody, as “ “ “	6 00
Samuel A. Fletcher, as Treasurer,	25 00
Jerome Leavitt, as Superintendent of Burials,	10 00
B. T. McLaughlin, as Forest Fireward,	2 00
Farnham Stiles, as Sealer of Weights and Measures,	4 00
B. T. McGlaughlin, as Fish Warden,	5 00
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	\$413 79

STATE AID AND RELIEF OF INDIGENT
SOLDIERS.

Orders drawn for State Aid from Feb. 1, 1887
to Feb. 1, 1888, \$104 00

Orders drawn for relief of Indigent Soldiers,
from Feb. 23, 1887, to Feb. 23, 1888, as
follows,

Patrick Gillespie,	104 88
Benjamin W. Peabody, Jr.,	128 00
Isaiah B. Peabody,	128 00
Dennis Wells,	19 50
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	\$484 38

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

EXPENSES.

Batchelder & Co., coal,	\$24 25
Jerome Leavitt, services as janitor,	16 30
Jerome Leavitt, cash paid for spittoon,	1 25
Fred. E. Campbell, services as janitor,	129 00
F. E. Campbell, cash paid for wood and coal,	23 13
F. E. Campbell, cash paid for supplies,	15 67
F. E. Campbell, services as police officer,	5 00
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Total,	\$214 60
Balance in favor of Town,	11 90
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	\$226 50

RECEIPTS.

Jerome Leavitt, for use of hall,	\$17 75
Fred. E. Campbell, for use of hall,	208 75
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	226 50

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Balance of last year's appropriation, . . .	\$21 86
Appropriation,	100 00
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	\$121 86
Deduct amount drawn,	98 32
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Balance due library,	\$23 54

MISCELLANEOUS.

Danvers Water Board, use of water, . . .	\$12 00
Danvers Water Board, repairing water pipe, . .	20 75
G. W. Pease & Co., printing town reports, . .	26 00
G. W. Pease & Co., order book,	8 00
A. J. Morse & Sons, supplies for Fire Dept., . .	66 00
George L. Brownell, hearse and harness, . . .	600 00
George L. Brownell, transportation,	7 20
C. O. Berry, drawing hearse from Boston, . . .	4 00
Elijah Richardson, repairing hearse-house, . .	110 25
Nathan Martin, painting hearse-house, . . .	10 83
B. T. McGlaughlin, car fare and expressage, . .	3 30
Jerome Leavitt, labor in cemetery,	50 00
Thomas Carlin, " " "	16 00
Andrew W. Peabody, labor in cemetery, . . .	1 00
Andrew Nichols, " " "	17 50
Andrew Nichols, copying plans,	4 00
J. M. Parsons, cement pipe,	1 32
Foote & Horton, printing voting lists, . . .	9 50
F. P. Merriam, storage for hose carriage, . . .	4 00
J. J. Grothe, repairing hose carriage,	16 05
E. L. Lovejoy, damage from defect in highway, .	25 00
John Reed, services and expenses,	5 10

F. L. Evans, services in Malden case, . . .	40 00
Asa Howe, house rent for P. Gillespie, . . .	22 00
A. W. Peabody, cash paid for hose, etc., . . .	9 75
A. W. Peabody, posts,	1 00
M. E. Tyler, supplies for street lamp, . . .	5 05
M. E. Tyler, washing hearse,	1 00
F. E. Campbell, curtains for hall,	4 00
F. E. Campbell, repairs at hall,	4 75
F. E. Campbell, repairing furnace,	11 00
J. A. Batchelder, 7 journeys to Boston, . . .	10 50
J. A. Batchelder, journeys to Danvers and Salem,	2 00
J. A. Batchelder, cash paid for car fare, . . .	8 14
B. T. McGlaughlin, repairing pipe,	25
A. W. Peabody, perambulating town line, . . .	2 00
J. W. Peabody, " " " "	2 00
A. W. Peabody, cash paid for book, etc., . . .	2 35
J. A. Batchelder, journey to New Bedford and car fare,	5 96
J. W. Peabody, journey to New Bedford and car fare,	5 96
A. W. Peabody, journey to New Bedford and car fare,	5 96
J. A. Batchelder, cash paid for stationery, ex- pressage, blanks, &c.,	5 21
M. J. Averill, abatement on tax,	3 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for street lamp, .	2 85
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for hall, . . .	2 46
Henry Ives, registration book,	11 00
B. T. McGlaughlin, compensation for firemen, .	36 00
Dr. H. F. Batchelder, returning births, . . .	2 25
Jerome Leavitt, services in cemetery and cash paid,	5 67
J. M. Peabody, care of street lamp and cash paid,	12 65
J. W. Peabody, Collector, discount allowed on taxes,	291 75

J. W. Peabody, 6 journeys to Boston, . . .	9 00
J. W. Peabody, car fare,	6 50
J. W. Peabody, paid for book, etc., . . .	1 15
J. W. Peabody, Collector, abatements, . . .	79 35
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	\$1,630 31

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Schools,	\$1,456 47
Text Books and School Supplies,	178 62
Incidental School Expenses,	164 54
Poor Department,	1,314 14
Highways and Bridges,	1,058 94
Snow Bills,	27 35
Sidewalks,	101 05
Town Officers' Bills,	413 79
State Aid and Relief of Indigent Soldiers, . .	484 38
Town Hall Expenses,	214 60
Flint Public Library,	98 32
Miscellaneous,	1,630 31
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	\$7,142 51

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State Tax,	\$655 50
County Tax,	568 44
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	\$1,223 94

JESSE W. PEABODY, TAX COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH
THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON.

DR.

Tax list of 1887,	\$7,487 41
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Amt. paid Treasurer on list of 1887, \$5,394 42	
Amt. of County Tax paid, 568 44	
Uncollected on Tax list of 1887, 1,524 55	
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	\$7,487 41

DR.

Bal. of Tax list 1886 as per last year's report, \$1,379 29	
Interest Collected, 21 87	
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	\$1,401 16

CR.

Paid Treasurer on Tax list of 1886, 844 26	
Uncollected on Tax list of 1886, 556 90	
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	\$1,401 16

DR.

Bal. of Tax list 1885 as per last year's report, \$491 28	
Interest Collected, 25 81	
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	\$517 09

CR.

Paid Treasurer on Tax list of 1885, \$479 51	
Uncollected on Tax list of 1885, . 37 58	
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	\$517 09

DR.

Bal. of Tax list 1884 as per last year's report, \$21 51	
Interest Collected, 3 06	
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	\$24 57

CR.

Paid Treasurer on Tax list of 1884, \$24 57	
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SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT CUR-
RENT WITH THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON, FOR
THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 23, 1888.

DR.

To balance of last year's account,	\$636 09
“ cash of Jesse W. Peabody, old hearse, etc.	25 50
“ “ “ Loren G. Esty, grass,	5 33
“ “ “ J. K. Upton, Admr., note,	600 00
“ “ “ Danvers Savings Bank, note,	1,700 00
“ “ “ State Treasurer, pauper account,	6 50
“ “ “ Samuel Jones, cemetery lot,	10 00
“ “ “ J. A. Peabody, glass,	40
“ “ “ J. Richardson, glass,	25
“ “ “ Dean Peabody, cemetery lot,	60 00
“ “ “ State Treasurer, corporation tax,	67 11
“ “ “ State Treasurer, bank tax,	134 71
“ “ “ State Treasurer, state aid,	208 75
“ “ “ State Treasurer, military aid,	186 00
“ “ “ State Treasurer, school fund,	208 40
“ “ “ County Treasurer, dog tax refunded,	132 75
“ “ “ E. L. Lovejoy, peddler's license,	3 00
“ “ “ Frank L. Esty, cemetery lot,	7 00
“ “ “ Mary A. Curry, cemetery lot,	30 00
“ “ “ Overseers of the Poor, coal sold,	6 00
“ “ “ Reading, pauper account,	69 00
“ “ “ Jerome Leavitt, use of hall,	17 75
“ “ “ Fred. E. Campbell, use of hall,	208 75
“ “ “ J. W. Peabody, on tax list of 1884,	24 57
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1885,	479 51
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1886,	844 26
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1887,	5,394 42
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	\$11,066 05

CR.

By cash paid Danvers Savings Bank,		
two notes, . . .	\$1700	00
“ “ “ J. K. Upton, Admr.,		
note, . . .	600	00
“ “ “ as interest on notes,	177	71
“ “ “ State Treasurer, state tax,	652	50
“ “ “ Selectmen's orders,	5,827	16
“ “ “ Overseers' orders,	1,314	14
Balance in Treasury, . . .	794	54
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S. A. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

The Selectmen respectfully submit the following estimates of the sums necessary to be raised by taxation to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year:

Current Expenses,	\$2,000	00
Schools,	1200	00
School Books and Supplies,	175	00
Highways,	1000	00
Bridges,	100	00
Public Library,	100	00
Cemetery,	50	00
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ASSESSORS' VALUATION OF PROPERTY.

Real Estate,	\$469,865	00
Personal Estate,	111,419	00
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Number of polls, 256.

Rate of taxation, \$12 per \$1,000.

Tax on Polls,	\$512 00
Tax on Real Estate,	5,638 38
Tax on Personal Estate,	1,337 03
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	\$7,487 41

Amount voted by the town for current ex-
penses,

\$2,000 00

Amount voted by the town for schools,

1,400 00

“ “ “ “ “ “ school supplies,

175 00

“ “ “ “ “ “ highways,

1,000 00

“ “ “ “ “ “ bridges,

100 00

“ “ “ “ “ “ library,

100 00

“ “ “ “ “ “ sidewalks,

100 00

“ “ “ “ “ “ cemetery,

50 00

“ “ “ “ “ “ new hearse,

600 00

“ “ “ “ “ “ fire apparatus,

150 00

“ “ “ “ “ “ Ferncroft Hill road,

100 00

“ “ “ “ “ “ repairing hearse

house,

150 00

Amount voted by the town for enforcement of
liquor laws,

50 00

State Tax,

652 50

County Tax,

568 44

Overlay on taxes,

291 47

\$7,487 41

SELECTMEN'S VALUATION OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Flint Public Library,	\$2,650 00
Town Hall and land,	5,000 00
School Houses,	8,000 00
Lock-up,	500 00

Cemetery,	300 00
Hearse and hearse-house,	800 00
Fire Apparatus,	600 00
Gravel pit,	50 00
Safe,	200 00
School books in use,	225 00
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	\$18,275 00

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of town notes on interest at 5 per cent.,	\$2,500 00
Amount due the Library,	23 54
Amount due the schools,	271 96
Amount of unsettled bills,	50 00
Excess of cash assets above indebtedness, .	515 99
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	\$3,361 49

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per Treasurer's account,	\$794 54
Due for State Aid Reimbursements,	114 00
Due from State for relief of indigent soldiers,	189 92
Due for cemetery lots,	20 00
School books on hand,	87 00
Due from Danvers, for gravel,	22 00
Due from State on pauper account,	15 00
Amount of uncollected taxes for 1885,	37 58
" " " " " 1886,	556 90
" " " " " 1887,	1,524 55
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	\$3,361 49

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER, } Selectmen
 JESSE W. PEABODY, } of
 ANDREW W. PEABODY, } Middleton.

MIDDLETON, Feb. 23, 1888.

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Trustees of Flint Public Library, in submitting their Ninth Annual Report have little or nothing to say in addition to what has been said previously.

The capacity for shelving books is growing more limited with every installment of books, and it is apparent that some step must be taken towards increasing the accommodations before long.

It cannot be denied that a Free Public Library, even though it be no more extensive than ours, is a means of education and profit to those who are disposed to avail themselves of its privileges.

ANSEL P. TYLER,	} Trustees.
SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,	
GILMAN A. KIMBALL,	
JAMES FLINT,	
JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	
WILLIAM A. PHELPS,	

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Books in the Library, Feb. 1, 1887,	3328
“ purchased of Damrell & Upham,	105
“ presented by Hon. Charles L. Flint,	43
“ “ “ Mr. William Weston,	3
“ “ “ Hon. G. F. Hoar,	11
“ “ “ Capt. Malcolm Sillars,	1
“ “ “ Mass. Sect’y of State,	1
“ “ “ Interstate Commerce Com. Sect’y,	1

Books in Library, Feb. 1, 1888,	3,493
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Pamphlets and books in paper covers.

Pamphlets presented by Hon. Charles L. Flint,	.	10
“ “ “ John M. Raymond,	. .	1
“ “ “ U. S. Board of Interior,	. .	3
“ “ “ Gov. of Mexico,	. . .	1
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Whole number of books taken out of the Library from Feb. 1, 1887, to Feb. 1, 1888, 5195.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,

MIDDLETON, Feb. 1, 1888.

Librarian.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Flint Public Library in account with G. A. Kimball, Treasurer, for the year ending Feb. 18, 1888.

DR.

To balance in Treasury, Feb. 18, 1887,	\$121	68
To amount of town appropriation,	100	00
To amount collected for fines and cards,	12.	32
To amount collected for catalogues,	. .	75
To cash from J. J. H. Gregory,	. .	16 67
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		\$251 42

CR.

By cash paid for new books,	. . .	\$116	59
By cash paid for rebinding books,	. . .	12	55
By cash paid for printing 250 supplements,	16	50	
By cash paid for Ledger and index,	. . .	5	25
By cash paid for express on books,	. . .	2	85
By cash paid for paper for covering books,	1	68	
By cash paid for car fare,	. . .	2	08
By cash paid for preparing supplements,	6	00	
By cash paid for kerosene,	56
By cash paid for Librarian's salary,	. . .	64	00
Balance in treasury,	. . .	23	36
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			\$251 42

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

To Jerome Leavitt, Constable of the Town of Middleton, in the County of Essex.

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on MONDAY, the fifth day of March, next, at *nine o'clock in the forenoon*, then and there to act on the following articles:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To vote upon the question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? The vote will be by separate ballot: and the ballot shall be "yes" or "no" in answer to said question.

ART. 5. To see how much money the town will raise to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

ART. 6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate money for the proper observance of Decoration Day, and if so, how much, and by whom it shall be expended.

ART. 7. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to sell and convey to the heirs of Dolly M. Esty, deceased, a strip of land two feet wide and twenty feet long, situated on the Westerly side of the Esty burial lot in Middleton Cemetery.

ART. 8. To take any action the town may think proper relative to the bequest of the late B. F. Emerson, of \$10,000 to be held in trust for the benefit of the Flint Public Library.

ART. 9. To see if the town will purchase a curtain for the stage at the Town Hall.

ART. 10. To act on the list of Jurors prepared and posted by the selectmen.

ART. 11. To see what action the town will take concerning the cemetery.

ART. 12. To see what action the town will take in relation to letting the Town Hall.

ART. 13. To see what action the town will take in regard to the enforcement of the laws against the sale of intoxicating liquors.

ART. 14. To see what regulations the town will make in regard to fishing in Middleton Pond.

ART. 15. To see what measure the town will adopt for the removal of snow from the sidewalks.

ART. 16. To see what action the town will take for the prevention of fires, and in respect to the compensation of firemen.

ART. 17. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a town treasurer, when appointed may use.

ART. 18. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, under the direction of the selectmen, to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to meet current expenses, in anticipation of the taxes of the present year, and payable therefrom.

ART. 19. To see what action the town will take in regard to purchasing a road machine.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office, in said town, seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February, A. D. 1888.

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER	} Selectmen of Middleton.
JESSE W. PEABODY,	
ANDREW W. PEABODY,	

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF MIDDLETON

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 23, 1889.



SALEM :

OBSERVER BOOK AND JOB PRINT.

1889.

REPORT.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

CENTRE SCHOOL.

Annie B. Stott, teaching Grammar school, . . .	\$374 00
Effie S. Ross, teaching Primary school, . . .	302 40
Olive R. Graves, teaching Primary school, . . .	9 00
Batchelder & Co., coal,	18 00
D. G. Berry, wood,	10 00
George B. Flint, wood,	5 00
Ralph G. Peabody, services as janitor, . . .	20 00
Hussey & Richards, coal,	42 00
Moses Wedgewood, sawing wood,	3 50
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	\$783 90

NORTH SCHOOL.

Emma Putney, teaching,	\$216 00
Annie Woodworth, teaching,	56 00
Fred B. Lake, services as janitor,	10 00
Farnham Stiles, wood,	25 50
L. H. Wilkins, wood,	4 50
Fred B. Lake, services as janitor,	8 00
Fred B. Lake, sawing wood,	6 00
L. H. Wilkins, wood,	7 50
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	\$883 50

EAST SCHOOL.

Clara E. Bryer, teaching,	\$340 00
A. L. Peabody, services as janitor, . .	10 00
Batchelder & Co., coal,	9 00
Hussey & Richards, coal,	14 00
L. H. Jones, services as janitor, . . .	3 00
L. H. Jones, sawing wood,	75
J. B. Thomas & Co., wood,	3 25
W. H. Beverly, sawing wood,	1 00
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	\$381 00
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	\$1,498 40
Balance due the schools,	303 75
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	\$1,802 15
Balance due the schools last year,	\$271 96
Town appropriation for schools,	1,200 00
Amount received from State school fund, . .	204 19
Amount received from dog licenses,	126 00
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	\$1,802 15

TEXT BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

J. L. Hammett, supplies,	\$2 74
Lee & Shepard "	60
D. C. Heath & Co., "	90
Supplement Co., "	60
J. L. Hammett, books and supplies,	71 85
J. L. Hammett, " " "	92 78
Carter, Rice & Co., " " "	3 25
Waterman & Co., " " "	7 02
Boston School Supply Co., books and supplies,	1 20
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	\$180 94

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

C. H. Shepard, printing school reports,	30 00
A. A. Berry, work on school house,	3 01
William Q. Richardson, cleaning school house,	6 00
J. E. Bell, slated paper,	45 72
Dennis Wells, repairs on school house,.	7 89
F. Stiles, use of well,	3 00
Peter I. Gould, repairing fence,	3 00
L. H. Wilkins, labor on school house yard,	2 50
F. Stiles, repairs,	1 62
A. A. Berry, repairs on school house,	18 26
Everett Brothers, repairs,	4 36
M. E. Tyler, glass,	2 17
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies,	7 39
J. J. Grothe, repairs and use of well,	5 75
George B. Flint, repairs on school house,	3 50
S. A. Fletcher, horse hire and cash paid,	1 45
S. A. Fletcher, supplies,	7 90
John W. Peabody, use of well,	6 00
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	\$159 52

OVERSEERS OF POOR DEPARTMENT.

City of Salem, supplies for H. Mansfield,	\$76 25
Town of Melrose, aid for W. F. Russell,	341 13
Town of Beverly, aid for F. F. Wilkins,	145 45
Town of Beverly, aid for Sereno Terria,	244 50
Henry Freeman, board of Lucy Freeman,	78 00
C. O. Berry, supplies for Wm. Freeman,	1 50
Tyler & Armstrong, shoes for Wm. Freeman,	1 15
C. O. Berry, supplies for Mary Tuttle,	4 50
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Mary Tuttle,	10 50

Dr. H. F. Batchelder, medicine and medical attendance for Annie Beverly's child,	8 00
Daniel Fuller, wood for Mrs. S. Curry,	10 64
Daniel Faulkner, cutting wood for Mrs. S. Curry,	75
Dr. H. F. Batchelder, medicine and medical attendance for Sarah Wells,	13 00
C. O. Berry, supplies for Sarah Wells,	2 50
J. F. Hayward, meat for Sarah Wells,	3 92
Lydia M. Peabody, nursing Sarah Wells,	36 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Sarah Wells,	3 04
Danvers Insyue Asylum, board of Loren Goodwin,	41 39
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Emma Buxton,	8 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Mrs. C. Cross,	2 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for J. F. Drew,	14 00
C. O. Berry, supplies for John Pardon,	3 00
B. & M. R. R., car fare for John Pardon,	50
Geo. B. Flint, wood for Andrew Gould,	6 00
Dan'l Fuller, wood for Andrew Gould,	10 05
J. B. Thomas & Co., wood for Andrew Gould,	6 00
Henry Peabody, cutting wood for Andrew Gould,	3 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Andrew Gould,	65 00
Dan'l Fuller, wood for Geo. Margeson	2 55
A. W. Peabody, disinfectants for Geo. Margeson,	55
John Fuller, wood for Tramp House,	2 85
Dan'l Fuller, wood for Tramp House,	2 57
Moses Wedgewood, wood and cutting for Tramp House,	3 00
Warren Thomas, cutting wood for Tramp House,	1 25
Jesse Daniels, cutting wood for Tramp House,	1 25
Burton McGlaulin, cutting and getting in wood for Tramp House,	75
Jesse Daniels, sifting ashes for Tramp House,	50
Hussey & Richards, coal for Tramp House,	7 50
Wm. P. Hussey, coal for Tramp House,	7 50

H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Tramp House,	45 70
C. O. Berry, supplies for Tramp House, . . .	50
A. W. Peabody, services and cash paid, . . .	10 00
A. A. Averill, services, horse hire and cash paid,	15 00
B. T. McGlauffin, registering and locking up 527	
tramps,	52 70
B. T. McGlauffin, services, cash paid, . . .	20 00
Car fares,	5 00
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Whole amount of overseers' orders drawn,	1,318 94
Unsettled Bills of this year,	71 00
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\$1,389 94

Received from Reading on account of	
Lucy Freeman,	78 00
Received from Wenham on account of	
Mary Tuttle,	15 00
Received from Salem on account of J.	
F. Drew,	14 00
Received from Lynn on account of	
John Pardon,	3 50
Due from Andover on account of	
Emma Buxton,	8 00
Due from No. Reading on account of	
Mrs. C. Cross,	2 00
Due from No. Reading on account of	
Mrs. S. Curry,	11 39
Due from State on account of Geo.	
Margeson,	2 55
Unsettled bills of last year paid, . . .	50 00
Whole cost of supporting poor, . . .	1,205 50
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\$1,389 94

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Ward 1.	Charles O. Berry, surveyor,	\$89 10
2.	S. G. Campbell, " . . .	166 00
3.	Lyman Darling, " . . .	30 00
4.	George E. Soper, " . . .	50 00
5.	Isaac W. Nickerson, " . . .	50 00
6.	L. H. Wilkins, " . . .	50 00
7.	W. J. Richardson, " . . .	40 00
8.	William T. Martin, " . . .	115 00
9.	John A. Curtis, " . . .	50 00
10.	Sylvanus Flint, " . . .	43 00
	George W. Tibbetts, road machine, . . .	247 50
	Boston & Maine Railroad, transportation, . . .	6 71
	W. T. Martin, repairing bridge, . . .	1 00
	John B. King, labor on bridge, . . .	5 00
	W. P. Christopher, hauling plank, . . .	2 52
	L. H. Wilkins, labor on bridge, . . .	2 25
	Turner & Harrington, lumber, . . .	37 58
	S. E. McGlauffin, work on culvert, . . .	10 00
	M. J. Emerson, work on culvert, . . .	6 00
	John Milbery, labor, . . .	13 50
	Patrick Donovan, . . .	20 70
	J. B. Thomas & Co., posts, . . .	15 20
	George Daniels, labor, . . .	5 00
	Thomas Carlin, labor, . . .	50
	A. W. Peabody, labor, . . .	4 00
	J. E. Barnaby, labor, . . .	4 00
	Charles O. Berry, labor on bridge, - . . .	4 50
	W. P. Christopher, labor, . . .	5 00
	H. A. Wilkins & Sons, nails, . . .	1 44
	John A. Curtis, labor, . . .	1 00

 \$1076 50

SNOW BILLS.

W. T. Martin, removing snow,	.	.	.	.	\$3 70
Thomas Carlin, “	“	.	.	.	75
H. E. Howe, “	“	.	.	.	1 25
C. O. Berry, “	“	.	.	.	7 30
George E. Soper, “	“	.	.	.	5 00
W. J. Richardson, “	“	.	.	.	3 00
Isaac W. Nickerson, removing snow,	.	.	.	.	4 00
Lyman Darling, “	“	.	.	.	2 60
S. G. Campbell, “	“	.	.	.	2 00
W. T. Martin, “	“	from sidewalk,			5 50
John A. Curtis, “	“	.	.	.	1 00
C. O. Berry, “	“	.	.	.	2 50
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					\$28 60

SIDEWALKS.

Jesse W. Peabody, labor and cash paid,	.	\$100 00
Dennis Wells, labor, .	.	6 00
M. B. Paige, drain pipe, .	.	2 23
J. W. Peabody, posts, .	.	3 00
J. E. Barnaby, labor, .	.	7 50
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		\$118 73

CEMETERY.

John M. Peabody, labor, .	.	\$49 89
John M. Peabody, labor, .	.	16 00
John M. Peabody, cash paid, .	.	3 52
J. M. Peabody, labor, .	.	28 00
J. M. Peabody, labor and plank, .	.	6 90
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		\$104 31

TOWN OFFICERS.

J. A. Batchelder, as Selectman and Assessor,	. \$58 64
Jesse W. Peabody, " " " .	64 25
Andrew W. Peabody, " " " .	40 50
Joseph A. Batchelder, as Town Clerk, .	8 00
J. A. Batchelder, recording births, marriages and deaths,	17 05
Jerome Leavitt, services as Constable, .	15 00
S. A. Fletcher, services as School Committee, .	25 00
S. T. LeBaron, " " " " .	25 00
Samuel A. Fletcher, as Treasurer, . . .	25 00
J. A. Batchelder, as Registrar of Voters, .	6 00
Jesse W. Peabody, " " " . .	6 00
A. W. Peabody, " " " . . .	6 00
John M. Peabody, as Superintendent of Burials,	10 00
Jesse W. Peabody, as Collector,	63 34
Farnham Stiles, as Sealer of Weights and Measures,	5 00
B. T. McGlaufflin, as Forest Fireward, . . .	2 00
Fred E. Campbell, as Police Officer, . . .	5 00
Kendall E. Graves, as Fish Warden, . . .	5 00
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	\$386 78

STATE AID.

Catharine Danforth,	\$24 00
Mary E. Manning,	12 00
Hiram McGlaufflin,	12 00
John W. Peabody,	64 00
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	\$112 00

MILITARY AID.

Frank Atwood,	\$40 00
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Enoch Coffin,	50 00
Benjamin W Peabody, Jr.,	120 00
Henry Peabody, 2d,	20 00
Isaiah B. Peabody,	120 00
Patrick Gillespie,	181 90
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	\$531 90

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

EXPENSES.

Fred E. Campbell, services as janitor, . . .	\$112 60
Fred E. Campbell, cash paid for wood and coal, . . .	31 00
F. E. Campbell, " " " oil, . . .	8 99
F. E. Campbell, " " " supplies and repairs, . . .	12 12
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Total,	\$164 71
Balance in favor of the town,	35 79
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	\$200 50

RECEIPTS.

Fred E. Campbell, cash received for use of hall, . . .	182 25
Due from Congregational Society,	18 25
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	\$200 50

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Balance of last year's appropriation,	\$23 54
Amount drawn,	23 54

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation,	\$100 00
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Amount drawn by committee,	83 26
Balance unexpended,	16 74
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	\$100 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Danvers Water Board, use of water,	\$12 00
Lewis Brown, bound post,	10 00
G. W. Pease & Co., printing town reports,	27 00
F. P. Merriam, storage of hose carriage,	5 00
Thomas Carlin, labor at Town Hall,	12 00
H. W. Darling, tax books,	4 00
J. W. Peabody, collector's deed of land,	20 20
Danvers Water Board, repairing water pipe,	12 44
F. L. Evans, consultation and advice in Smith and other cases,	145 00
Jesse W. Peabody, services in Smith case,	10 00
Purbeck & Palfray, street signs,	3 75
J. A. Batchelder, stationery, expressage, etc.,	5 05
J. A. Batchelder, journeys to Danvers and Salem,	2 00
Dennis Cronan, labor on water tank,	2 62
C. P. Perkins, drain pipe,	3 55
W. W. Wilkins, labor on water tank,	1 80
John W. Demsey, " " " "	7 50
A. W. Peabody, labor and cash paid,	4 10
M. E. Tyler, supplies for street lamp,	2 70
John M. Peabody, care of street lamp,	12 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, book and oil-tank,	1 75
B. T. McGlaulin, compensation of firemen,	36 00
J. J. Grothe, sharpening picks,	80
J. J. Grothe, repairing road machine,	2 10
Jerome Leavitt, paid for police implements,	9 05
A. W. Peabody, journey to Berwick and car-fare,	4 50

J. W. Peabody, cash paid for book,	1 00
Dr. H. F. Batchelder, returning births,	4 25
D. W. King, abatement of tax,	4 80
William Berry, abatement of tax,	2 00
J. W. Peabody, Collector, abatements on tax list,	45 39
S. A. Fletcher, cash paid for recording deed,	2 00
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	\$416 35

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Schools,	\$1498 40
Text Books and School Supplies,	180 94
Incidental School Expenses,	159 52
Poor Department,	1318 94
Highways and Bridges,	1076 50
Snow bills,	38 60
Sidewalks,	118 73
Cemetery,	104 31
Town Officers' Bills,	386 78
State Aid,	112 00
Military Aid,	531 90
Town Hall Account,	164 71
Flint Public Library,	23 54
Memorial Day,	83 26
Miscellaneous,	416 35
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	\$4895 54

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State Tax,	\$652 50
County Tax,	568 44
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	\$1220 94

JESSE W. PEABODY, TAX COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH
THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON.

DR.

Tax list of 1888, \$6348 47

CR.

Amt. paid Treasurer on list of 1888,	3866 03	
Amt. of County tax paid,	568 43	
Uncollected on tax list of 1888,	1914 00	
	<hr/>	\$6348 47

DR.

Bal. of tax list 1887 as per last year's report,	\$1524 55	
Interest collected,	31 24	
	<hr/>	\$1555 79

CR.

Paid Treasurer on tax list of 1887,	\$1124 73	
Uncollected on tax list of 1887,	431 06	
	<hr/>	\$1555 79

DR.

Bal. of tax list 1886 as per last year's report,	\$556 90	
Interest collected,	29 55	
	<hr/>	\$586 45

CR.

Paid Treasurer on list of 1886,	\$586 45	
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DR.

Bal. of tax list 1885 as per last year's report,	\$37 58	
Interest collected,	2 95	
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CR.

Paid Treasurer on list of 1885,	\$40 53	
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SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON, FOR
THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 23, 1889.

DR.

To balance of last year's account, . . .	\$794 54
“ cash of Eli S. Soper, cemetery lot, . . .	10 00
“ “ “ State Treasurer, corporation tax, 1888, . . .	07
“ “ “ Alexander Murray, cemetery lot, . . .	10 00
“ “ “ P. R. Russell, cemetery lot, . . .	15 00
“ “ “ State Treasurer, cash on note, . . .	1500 00
“ “ “ John Rier, cemetery lot, . . .	6 00
“ “ “ State Treasurer, pauper account, . . .	23 21
“ “ “ H. W. Freeman, cemetery lot, . . .	4 50
“ “ “ A. D. Cushing, cemetery lot, . . .	18 00
“ “ “ C. O. & A. Frost, cemetery lot, . . .	28 00
“ “ “ Annie M. McIntire, cemetery lot, . . .	25 00
“ “ “ City of Salem, pauper account, . . .	14 00
“ “ “ Town of Wenham, pauper account, . . .	15 00
“ “ “ E. L. Lovejoy, peddler's license, . . .	3 00
“ “ “ Danvers, gravel, . . .	22 00
“ “ “ Mrs. L. M. Fuller, cemetery lot, . . .	6 00
“ “ “ Mrs. M. B. Wilkins, “ “ . . .	10 00
“ “ “ H. T. Sheldon, “ “ . . .	10 00
“ “ “ John H. Young, “ “ . . .	10 00
“ “ “ A. Higgins, “ “ . . .	8 00
“ “ “ L. S. Higgins, “ “ . . .	8 00
“ “ “ M. E. Taylor & N. E. Esty, cemetery lot, . . .	25 00
“ “ “ Jesse W. Daniels, cemetery lot, . . .	4 00
“ “ “ State Treasurer, corporation tax, . . .	50 11
“ “ “ State Treasurer, bank tax, . . .	98 97
“ “ “ State Treasurer, state aid, . . .	100 00
“ “ “ State Treasurer, military aid, . . .	201 13
“ “ “ First District Court, use of lock-up, . . .	1 00
“ “ “ County Treasurer, dog tax, . . .	126 00

To cash of Heirs of T. Johnson, release of land,	22 60
“ “ “ State Treasurer, school fund, . . .	204 19
“ “ “ City of Lynn, pauper account, . . .	3 50
“ “ “ Town of Reading, pauper account, . . .	78 00
“ “ “ Fred E. Campbell, use of hall, . . .	182 25
“ “ “ J. W. Peabody, on tax list of 1885, . . .	40 53
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1886, . . .	586 45
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1887, . . .	1,124 73
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1888, . . .	3,866 03
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	\$9,254 81

CR.

By cash paid State Treasurer, note, . . .	\$1,500 00
“ “ “ State Treasurer, interest, . . .	33 64
“ “ “ State Treasurer, state tax, . . .	652 50
“ “ “ as interest on notes, . . .	125 00
“ “ “ on Selectmen's orders, . . .	4,895 54
“ “ “ “ Overseers' orders, . . .	1,318 94
Balance in treasury, . . .	729 19
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	\$9,254 81

S. A. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

The selectmen respectfully submit the following estimate of the sums necessary to be raised by taxation to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year:—

Current expenses,	\$2000 00
Schools,	1400 00
School Books and Supplies,	175 00
Highways,	1000 00
Bridges,	300 00
Cemetery,	100 00
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	\$4,975 00

ASSESSORS' VALUATION OF PROPERTY.

Real Estate,	\$472,146 00
Personal Estate,	86,515 00
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	\$558,661 00

Number of Polls, 262.

Rate of Taxation, \$10.40 per 1000.

Tax on Polls,	\$524 00
Tax on Real Estate,	4910 32
Tax on Personal Estate,	899 75
Additional assessments,	14 40
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	\$6,348 47

Amount voted by the town for schools, .	\$2000 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ schools, .	1200 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ school supplies, .	175 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ highways, .	1000 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ bridges, .	100 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ cemetery, .	100 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ sidewalks, .	100 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ Memorial day, .	100 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ enforcement of	
liquor laws,	50 00
State Tax,	652 50
County Tax,	568 44
Overlay on taxes,	288 13
Amount of additional assessments,	14 40
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	\$6,348 47

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Flint Public Library,	\$2650 00
Town Hall and land,	5000 00

School-houses,	8000 00
Lock-up,	500 00
Cemetery,	300 00
Hearse and hearse-house,	800 00
Fire apparatus,	600 00
Gravel pit,	50 00
B. F. Emerson Fund,	7500 00
Safe,	200 00
School-books in use,	225 00
Road machine,	250 00
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	\$26,075 00

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of town notes on interest at 5 per cent.,	\$2,500 00
Amount due the schools,	303 75
Amount of unsettled bills (estimated),	75 00
Excess of cash assets above indebtedness,	685 69
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	\$3,564 44

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per Treasurer's account,	\$729 19
Due from State on account of State Aid,	112 00
Due from State on account of Military Aid,	265 75
School books on hand,	83 50
Due from Topsfield,	5 00
Due from Andover, pauper account,	8 00
Due from North Reading, pauper account,	13 39
Due from State, pauper account,	2 55

Amount of uncollected taxes of 1887,	.	.	431	06
“ “ “ “ “ 1888,	.	.	1,914	00
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				\$3,564 44

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER, } Selectmen
 JESSE W. PEABODY, } of
 ANDREW W. PEABODY, } Middleton.

MIDDLETON, Feb., 23, 1889.

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Trustees of Flint Public Library, in submitting their Tenth Annual Report, have only to repeat much that has been said formerly.

The advantages of a well furnished library cannot be overestimated, and, while works of fiction claim the larger share of readers, there is an increasing demand for works of science and literature.

Those who visit our library room must be convinced of its exceedingly limited accommodations. Should more books be purchased it would be difficult to find the room in which to place them.

There have been many inquiries for new books, but in the early part of the year there were no funds at our disposal; afterward, when we had a small dividend from the B. F. Emerson Fund it was not sufficient to warrant the advisability of using it for the purchase of books, and the expense of printing a supplement until the funds had increased.

We acknowledge, with thanks, the kindness of Dean Peabody, Esq., in presenting to our library two large volumes of the History of Essex County which have been issued since the year began.

We trust that the inhabitants of our town appreciate the thoughtfulness and generosity of those whom we are proud to acknowledge as having had a birthplace in Middleton, and who have remembered their native town in valuable gifts to our library.

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	} Trustees of Flint Public Library.
WILLIAM A. PHELPS,	
ANSEL P. TYLER,	
SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,	
GILMAN A. KIMBALL,	
JAMES FLINT,	

MIDDLETON, Feb. 1, 1889.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Books in the Library, Feb. 1, 1888,	3,493
“ presented by Dean Peabody, Esq.,	2
“ “ “ Mass. Secretary of State,	9
“ “ “ U. S. Bureau of Education,	3
“ “ “ J. C. Ayer & Co.,	1

Books in Library, Feb. 1st, 1889, . . . 3,508

PAMPHLETS RECEIVED IN 1888.

Pamphlets received from Mass. Secretary of State,	1
“ “ “ Newton Free Public Library,	2
“ “ “ Hopedale “ “	1
“ “ “ U. S. Bureau of Education,	4
“ “ “ D. M. Wilson,	1
Unbound book from William Weston,	1

For the year, . . . 10

Whole number of books taken out of the library, from
Feb. 1, 1888, to Feb. 1, 1889, . . . 4702

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Librarian.

MIDDLETON, Feb. 1, 1889.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Flint Public Library in account with G. A. Kimball,
Treasurer, for the year ending Feb. 18, 1889.

DR.

To balance in Treasury, Feb. 18, 1888,	\$23 36
“ cash received for cards and fines,	15 15
“ “ “ catalogues and supplements,	30
“ “ “ use of books,	14
“ “ “ from Emerson Fund,	40 56
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	\$79 51

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By paid for Librarian's salary,	\$64 10
“ “ “ re-binding books,	11 14
“ “ “ paper,	80
“ “ “ express on books,	85
“ “ “ book replaced,	1 33
“ “ “ Mucilage,	75
“ “ “ kerosene,	42
“ “ “ postage,	12
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	\$79 51

G. A. KIMBALL, Treasurer.

MIDDLETON, Feb. 21, 1889.

The Trustees of the B. F. Emerson Fund for the benefit of the Public Library, submit the following as their first annual report.

The will of B. F. Emerson, deceased, bequeathed to the Town of Middleton for the benefit of the Public Library, the sum of ten thousand dollars. We have received from the executors of his estate to date seven thousand five hundred dollars, which we have invested as follows:—

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

Southern Kansas 6 per cent. income bonds, 5 bonds of one thousand each, par value \$5,000, cost,	\$4956 00
New York & New-England R. R. 6 per cent. first mortgage bonds, 2 bonds of one thousand dollars each, par value \$2000, cost,	2290 00
Cash in bank awaiting investment,	254 00
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	\$7,500 00

INCOME ACCOUNT.

Interest on So. Kansas income bonds, \$150 00	
“ “ N. Y. & N. E. mortgage bonds, 60 00	
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	\$210 00

EXPENSES.

Brokers' commission for purchasing bonds, 11 25	
15 days interest on N. Y. & N. E. bonds, 5 00	
Rent of safe deposit vault,	10 00
Paid to Public Library,	40 56
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	66 81
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Balance income on hand to date,	\$143 19

The interest on Southern Kansas income bonds is due annually, May 1. On the New York and New England bonds semi-annually, Jan. 1 and July 1.

A. P. TYLER,	} Trustees.
S. A. FLETCHER,	
M. J. EMERSON,	
M. E. TYLER,	
F. P. MERRIAM,	

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

To Jerome Leavitt, Constable of the Town of Middleton, in the County of Essex.

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on MONDAY, the fourth day of March, next, at *nine o'clock in the forenoon*, then and there to vote on the following articles:

ART. 1. To chose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Sections 74, 75, 76 and 77 of Chap. 27 of the Public Statutes, and choose by ballot three persons who shall constitute its board of road commissioners, one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years.

ART. 5. To vote on the question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? The vote will be by separate ballot, and the ballot shall be "yes" or "no" in answer to said question.

ART. 6. To see how much money the town will raise to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

ART. 7. To see what action the town will take in relation to discount and interest on taxes.

ART. 8. To act on the list of Jurors, prepared and posted by the selectmen.

ART. 9. To see what action the town will take concerning the cemetery.

ART. 10. To see what action the town will take in regard to letting the Town Hall.

ART. 11. To see what action the town will take in regard to the enforcement of the laws against the sale of intoxicating liquors.

ART. 12. To see what regulations the town will make in regard to fishing in Middleton Pond.

ART. 13. To see what measures the town will adopt for the removal of snow from the sidewalks.

ART. 14. To see what action the town will take for the prevention of fires, and in respect to the compensation of firemen.

ART. 15. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes, which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

ART. 16. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, under the direction of the selectmen, to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to meet current expenses, in anticipation of the taxes of the present year, and payable therefrom.

ART. 17. To see what action the town will take in regard to purchasing land for enlarging Middleton Cemetery.

ART. 18. To see if the town will rebuild the fence on the easterly side of the Town Hall lot.

ART. 19. To see how much money the town will raise for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

ART. 20. To see if the town will raise a sum of money for the erection of a Soldiers Monument.

ART. 21. To see what action the town will take in regard to the improvement of Central Street, between Central Square and the Eastern Railroad Station.

ART. 22. To see what action the town will take in regard to additional street lights.

ART. 23. To see what action the town will take in regard to repainting the inside of Town Hall.

ART. 24. To see what action the town will take in regard to putting blinds on the inside of the windows of Town Hall.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office, in said town, seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February, A. D. 1889.

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	} Selectmen of Middleton.
JESSE W. PEABODY,	
A. W. PEABODY,	

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF MIDDLETON

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 20, 1890.



SALEM :

OBSERVER BOOK AND JOB PRINT.

1890.

REPORT.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

Annie B. Stott, teaching Grammar school, .	\$77 00
Clara E. Bryer, teaching Grammar school, . .	341 00
Effie S. Ross, teaching Primary school, . .	283 00
Ralph G. Peabody, services as janitor, . .	35 00
Farnham Stiles, wood,	2 77
H. W. Hutchinson, wood,	9 00
R. G. Peabody, sawing wood,	1 50
W. Penn Hussey, coal,	42 00
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	\$791 27

NORTH SCHOOL.

Annie Woodworth, teaching, .	\$120 00
Hamie S. Thompson, teaching, .	192 00
Cora S. Richardson, care of school room, 3	00
Farnham Stiles, wood, . .	22 50
Fred B. Lake, as janitor, . .	9 50
Willie H. Richardson, as janitor, .	6 50
W. W. Richardson, sawing wood, .	50
A. Nickerson, sawing wood, .	3 50
L. H. Wilkins, wood, . . .	4 00
F. B. Lake, sawing wood, .	1 00
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	\$362 50

EAST SCHOOL.

Clara E. Bryer, teaching, . . .	\$70 00	
Annie Woodworth, teaching, . .	240 00	
Lizzie E. Peabody, teaching, . .	50 00	
J. B. Thomas & Co., wood, . . .	5 41	
W. P. Hussey, coal,	28 50	
Sadie Metcalf, care of school room,	11 00	
W. H. Beverly, sawing wood, . .	2 00	
Frank Witham, sawing wood, . .	60	
Henry B. Rier, as janitor, . . .	10 00	
Frank Jones, care of school room,	2 50	
W. T. Martin, wood,	1 75	
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		\$1,575 53
Balance due the schools,		504 19
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		\$2,079 72
Balance due the schools last year,	\$303 75	
Town appropriation for schools,	1,400 00	
Amount received from State school fund, . .	206 17	
Amount received from dog licenses,	169 80	
	<hr/>	\$2,079 72

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

F. M. Ambrose & Co., three language charts, .	\$15 00
Dennis Wells, repairs on school house, . . .	2 50
C. H. Shepard, printing school report, . . .	40 00
S. P. Johnson, cleaning school room,	1 00
John Gage, repairing clock,	1 50
Boston & Maine R. R., transportation of school desks,	9 25

W. A. Russell, repairing clock,	1 50
George B. Flint, repairing school house,	20 24
S. B. Leonard, labor on school house,	31 12
Turner & Harrington, lumber,	6 07
S. M. Stott, making desk covers,	3 50
S. P. Johnson, cleaning school room,	3 50
J. L. Hammett, paper and slating,	13 96
S. Rier, cleaning school house,	7 42
C. A. Millen & Co., moulding,	4 70
H. P. Moulton, professional services,	10 00
Farnham Stiles, use of well,	3 00
S. Rier, cleaning school room,	75
Almy, Bigelow & Washburn, supplies,	3 15
Dennis Wells, repairs on school house,	4 00
O. D. Case & Co., school furniture,	149 55
Western Publishing House, geographical study,	48 00
J. B. Thomas & Co., lumber and post,	13 62
J. E. Ropes & Co., fender and grate,	8 25
J. J. Grothe, use of well,	10 00
J. J. Grothe, repairs,	60
J. W. Daniels, labor at Centre school house,	4 25
M. E. Tyler, expressage, etc.,	2 83
M. E. Tyler, teaming,	9 90
M. E. Tyler, supplies,	6 60
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies,	8 67
S. T. LeBaron, expressage on school supplies,	3 45
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	\$447 88

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Cowperthwait & Co., books,	\$30 60
J. L. Hammett, supplies,	71 77
Boston Supply Co., supplies,	65 60

Iverson, Blakeman & Co., supplies.	5 55
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books,	7 65
J. L. Hammett, books and supplies,	68 65
Ginn & Co., books,	4 00
Boston Supply Co., books,	1 80
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books,	3 06
Thompson, Brown & Co., books,	7 50
A. C. Stockin, books,	9 45
William Ware & Co., books,	60
J. L. Hammett, books,	2 75
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, books,	50
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	\$279 48

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' DEPARTMENT.

Town appropriation for highways and bridges,	\$1,300 00
“ voted to Dennis Wells for labor on highway,	26 50

EXPENDITURES.

Sylvanus Flint, labor,	\$120 50
John F. Millbury, labor and teams,	173 75
Justin Auburn, labor,	56 50
George Auburn, labor,	50 50
Martin Auburn, labor,	56 50
Frank Mugrige, labor,	31 50
Jesse Daniels, labor,	34 00
John Barnaby, labor,	32 00
John Ryer, labor,	27 00
Sylvanus Flint, horse and cart,	7 50
Samuel M. Peabody, labor and cash	
paid,	96 33
Samuel M. Peabody, labor on bridge,	20 00
John U. Parker, labor and teams,	101 65

John S. Millbury, labor, . . .	45 00
Francis Peabody, labor, . . .	4 37
Joseph W. G. Wilkins, labor, . . .	19 50
J. Henry Fletcher, labor, . . .	12 00
J. J. Grothe, repairs on tools, . . .	3 40
E. L. Brown, labor, . . .	5 25
H. Erskine Howe, labor, . . .	10 80
John Wallace Peabody, gravel, . . .	34 30
Benjamin W. Peabody, labor, . . .	13 50
John Richardson, gravel, . . .	2 30
Wm. Berry, gravel, . . .	2 40
John Wallace Peabody, gravel, . . .	4 30
American Express Co., express on road machine, . . .	45
Heman Woodbury, storing road mach.,	2 00
M. E. Tyler, horse and cart, . . .	37 50
Charles Mason, labor, . . .	3 40
Warren Thomas, labor, . . .	2 00
Benj. Higgins, putting up guide boards,	1 00
Thomas Carlin, labor, . . .	4 50
Jesse W. Peabody, gravel, . . .	1 80
J. B. Thomas, lumber for bridges, . . .	14 62
Turner & Harrington, lumber for bridges, . . .	106 43
S. E. McGlauffin, labor on bridge,	15 50
M. B. Paige, drain pipe, . . .	58 53
Isaac Berry, fur. guide boards, . . .	20 95
C. A. Schofield, trimming bushes, . . .	9 00
G. W. Tibbetts, repairing road mach.	8 00
Daniel G. Berry, labor, . . .	6 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for bridges, . . .	3 25

Dennis Wells, for labor, by vote of		
Town,	26 50	
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	\$1,286 28	
Amt. of appropriation unexpended,	40 22	
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		\$1,326 50

CENTRAL STREET APPROPRIATION.

EXPENDITURES.

John F. Millbury, teaming gravel,	\$76 50
James S. Millbury, labor,	23 25
Jesse Daniels,	25 50
Daniel Faulkner, labor,	13 50
Joseph W. G. Wilkins, labor,	15 00
John E. Barnaby, labor,	26 00
John Ryer, labor,	15 00
Jesse W. Peabody, gravel,	5 30
Samuel M. Peabody, gravel,	25 00
M. E. Tyler, horse and cart,	32 00
Patrick Gillespie, labor,	3 43
Oscar Cram, horse to paper mill,	50
Dennis Cronan, labor,	2 00
Boston & Maine R. R., freight on pipe,	25
Thomas Carlin, labor,	87 60
Warren Thomas, labor,	10 50
Benjamin Higgins, labor,	9 00
Samuel McGlaufflin, labor and con-	
creting,	307 04
A. W. Rich, labor,	16 05
Turner & Harrington, lumber,	12 88
Andrew Nichols, surveys and search-	
ing records,	22 00
F. E. Batchelder, land,	150 00

John A. Batchelder, land, . . .	25 00
Mrs. A. Wallace Peabody, . . .	33 00
Jessie W. Peabody, gravel, . . .	11 10
Joseph A. Batchelder, land, . . .	50 00
John Grothe, repairs on tools, . . .	3 70
C. P. Perkins, drain pipe, . . .	9 36
J. B. Thomas, posts and plank, . . .	12 71
H. A. Wilkins, supplies, . . .	59
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	\$1,023 76
Amt. of appropriation overdrawn, . . .	23 76
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	\$1,000 00

LAKE STREET APPROPRIATION.

EXPENDITURES.

Samuel E. McGlauflin, laying stone wall,	\$89 50
Frank Frenchman, labor,	8 25
Joseph Frenchman, labor,	8 25
Otis Rennerd, horses and labor,	4 50
Warren Thomas, labor,	6 00
Darius Case, labor,	1 70
Wm. Christopher, oxen and labor,	2 00
John Barnaby, labor,	19 50
Solomon Weston, oxen and labor,	13 00
Jesse Daniels, labor,	3 00
Thomas Carlin, labor,	20 10
E. Nickerson,	3 00
M. E. Tyler, horse and cart,	15 50
Loren G. Esty, teaming,	4 50
Daniel Donovan, labor,	6 30
John Grothe, repairing tools,	1 49

H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies,	75	
Ansel Nickerson,	10 50	
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	\$217 84	
Amt. of appropriation unexpended,	7 16	
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		\$225 00

REMOVING SNOW.

O. H. Rennerd, removing snow from sidewalks,	\$10 50
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POOR DEPARTMENT.

H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Andrew Gould,	\$65 00
A. W. Peabody, wood for Andrew Gould,	12 00
E. E. Currier, wood for Andrew Gould,	6 50
Henry Peabody 2d, cutting wood, for A. Gould,	4 50
Town of Beverly, aid for Frank Wilkins,	175 75
Town of Beverly, aid for Serino Terrio,	58 15
Dr. Batchelder, professional services for S. Terrio,	1 00
City of Salem, aid for Henry Mansfield,	135 53
Town of Melrose, aid for Wm. F. Russell,	325 65
Town of Georgetown, aid for David P. Hutchinson,	65 00
Town of Danvers, aid for Helen J. Gifford,	13 00
Dr. Batchelder, professional service for W. Freeman,	8 00
Wm. Penn Hussey, coal for Henry Beverly,	7 50
Dr. Batchelder, professional service for Annie Be- ly's child,	1 00
Dr. Batchelder, professional service for Sarah Wells,	6 00
City of Salem, aid for Dennis Gillispie,	35 50
Dr. Batchelder, professional services for Geo. Mar- geson and family,	20 00

John M. Peabody, services as undertaker for Bertha Margeson,	4 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Geo. Margeson,	1 55
Aid to Moses Wedgewood,	6 00
Ansel Nickerson, board of L. J. Drake,	102 00
Dr. Baldwin, prof. services for Holbrook Burroughs,	2 68
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for H. Burroughs,	10 00
C. O. Berry, supplies for Emma Buxton,	3 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Emma Buxton,	15 50
A. W. Peabody, carrying E. Buxton to Andover,	2 00
A. W. Peabody, wood for Mrs. S. Curry,	15 00
Daniel Fuller, wood to Mrs. S. Curry,	10 05
E. E. Currier, wood to Mrs. S. Curry,	1 75
J. B. Thomas & Co., wood for Mrs. S. Curry,	1 50
Ansel Nickerson, cutting wood for Mrs. Curry,	5 50
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Mrs. Curry,	17 50
C. O. Berry, supplies for Mrs. Curry,	6 50
G. A. Currier, house rent for Chas. Cross,	33 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Chas. Cross,	2 50
Henry Freeman, board of Lucy Freeman,	68 00
Henry Freeman, clothing for Lucy Freeman,	9 40
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, clothing for Lucy Freeman,	35
John M. Peabody, services as undertaker,	6 50
Dr. Batchelder, professional services,	5 00
Chas. Buffum, coffin and robe,	15 00
Daniel Fuller, wood for Tramp House,	2 72
Moses Wedgewood, wood and cutting the same,	3 00
Wm. Penn Hussey, coal for Tramp House,	13 75
Dennis Wells, repairs for Tramp House,	50
A. A. Averill, repairs on stove,	1 95
J. E. Ropes & Co., funnel and coal hod,	1 75
Briggs & Wilkins, blankets,	7 20
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies,	58 43
B. T. McGlauffin, care of 778 tramps,	77 80

C. O. Berry, supplies, for Geo. Thompson,	2 00
A. A. Averill, services and horse hire,	12 00
A. W. Peabody, services as Overseer,	10 00
B. T. McGlauflin, car fare,	4 40
B. T. McGlauflin, postage, stationery, telegraphing,	2 00
B. T. McGlauflin, services,	20 00

Whole amount of overseers' orders drawn,	\$1,501 86
Unsettled bills of this year,	50 00

\$1,551 86

Received from Lynn on account of George Thompson,	\$2 00
Received from Reading on account of Lucy Freeman,	104 25
Received from Andover on account of Emma Buxton,	20 50
Received from North Reading on account of Mrs. S. Curry,	57 80
Received from North Reading on account of Chas. Cross,	35 50
Due from Charlestown on account of Holbrook Burroughs,	12 68
Due from the State on account of Lucretia J. Drake,	102 00
Due from the State on account of Moses Wedgewood,	6 00
Unsettled bills of last year,	71 00
Whole cost of supporting poor,	1,140 13

\$1,551 86

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

TOWN OFFICERS.

J. A. Batchelder, Selectman and Assessor, . . .	\$57 50
Jesse W. Peabody, Selectman and Assessor, . . .	60 00
Andrew W. Peabody, Selectman and Assessor, . . .	55 50
Joseph A. Batchelder, as Town Clerk, . . .	8 00
J. A. Batchelder, recording births, marriages and deaths,	9 15
Jerome Leavitt, services as constable, . . .	15 00
Jerome Leavitt, extra services as constable, . . .	5 60
Jerome Leavitt, killing five dogs,	5 00
Fred E. Campbell, Police Officer,	7 50
F. E. Campbell, enforcing dog law,	8 33
F. E. Campbell, killing two dogs,	2 00
Samuel A. Fletcher, Treasurer,	25 00
Samuel A. Fletcher, Collector,	78 21
S. T. LeBaron, School Committee,	25 00
William S. Armstrong, School Committee, . . .	25 00
Maurice E. Tyler, School Committee,	25 00
J. A. Batchelder, Registrar of Voters,	6 00
Jesse W. Peabody, Registrar of Voters,	6 00
A. W. Peabody, Registrar of Voters,	6 00
Farnham Stiles, Sealer of Weights and Measures, . . .	5 00
B. T. McGlauflin, Forest Fireward,	2 50
Kendall E. Graves, Fish Warden,	5 00
A. Preston Averill, School Committee in 1888, . . .	10 00
Daniel Weston, Auditor,	5 00
John M. Peabody, superintendent of burials, . . .	10 00
A. P. Tyler, Road Commissioner,	25 00
B. T. McGlauflin, services as Moderator,	3 50

 \$495 79

STATE AID.

George W. Rennerd,	. . . . .	\$9 00
Catherine Danforth,	. . . . .	24 00
Mary E. Manning,	. . . . .	8 00
John W. Peabody,	72 00
Hiram McGlauflin,	24 00
Isaiah B. Peabody,	9 00
Mary P. Rennerd,	3 00
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		\$149 00

MILITARY AID.

Frank Atwood,	\$88 00
Henry Peabody 2nd,	19 50
Patrick Gillespie,	132 00
Benjamin W. Peabody,	65 00
Isaiah B. Peabody,	83 00
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		\$387 50

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

EXPENSES.

Fred E. Campbell, services as janitor,	\$97 10
Fred E. Campbell, cash paid for coal,	. . . . .	35 25
Fred E. Campbell, cash paid for wood,	. . . . .	2 45
Fred E. Campbell, cash paid for oil,	. . . . .	6 64
Fred E. Campbell, cash paid for stage lamps,	4 75
Fred E. Campbell, cash paid for supplies and repairs,	8 03
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Total,	\$154 22
Balance in favor of the town,	9 78
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		\$164 00

RECEIPTS.

Fred E. Campbell, cash received for use of Hall, \$164 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation,		\$100 00
Amount drawn by committee,	\$85 33	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies,	70	
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	\$86 03	
Balance unexpended,	13 97	
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		\$100 00

TOWN HALL REPAIRS.

Oscar Cram, labor	\$13 50
Turner & Harrington, shingles,	102 43
Boston & Maine R. R., transportation,	25
R. Skinner, blinds,	32 80
J. P. Langmaid & Sons, moulding,	6 71
B. W. Higgins, labor,	23 37
B. W. Higgins, hauling shingles,	2 50
A. B. Rich, labor,	22 00
H. Newhall, hinges and screws,	12 16
Wm. I. Nichols, paint and labor,	149 64
George B. Flint, mason work,	59 23
Boston Crockery Store, chandelier and lamps,	42 50
Henry Newhall, glass and expressage,	1 93
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, nails,	6 15
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	\$475 17

CEMETERY.

John M. Peabody, labor,	\$103 45
Danvers Water Board, labor,	2 05
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	\$105 50

MISCELLANEOUS.

Jonathan Perley, record book,	\$3 00
Danvers Water Board, use of water,	9 00
James H. Curtis, repairing water pipe,	2 00
J. H. Curtis, services as teller,	1 00
J. M. Peabody, lock and staple,	90
G. W. Pease & Co., printing town reports,	37 25
Turner & Harrington, lumber for fence,	4 11
F. P. Merriam, storage of hose carriage,	5 00
E. A. Darling, collector's books,	4 00
M. E. Tyler, team for police,	3 00
M. E. Tyler, team for selectmen,	1 50
Danvers Water Board, use of water at Town Hall,	3 00
W. H. Kingman, crayon portrait of B. F. Emerson,	50 00
Turner & Harrington, lumber for fence,	1 98
S. Rier, cleaning Town Hall,	2 80
A. A. Averill, building fence at Town Hall,	21 02
F. E. Campbell, cleaning hall,	4 50
E. J. Faxon, voting booths,	9 40
N. A. Horton & Son, printing dog notices,	5 00
W. H. Kingman, crayon portrait of C. L. Flint,	50 00
H. M. Meek, tally sheet,	1 00
S. A. Fletcher, services as teller,	1 00
Joseph Averill, abatement of tax,	2 27
J. J. Grothe, wrench,	1 00
J. W. Peabody, abatements on list of 1887,	59 76
John M. Peabody, care of street lamp,	12 00
Fred E. Campbell, cash paid in enforcing liquor laws,	25 95
F. E. Campbell, car fare, etc.,	2 50
M. E. Tyler, supplies for street lamp,	3 51
J. M. Peabody, returning deaths,	7 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies,	28
Dr. H. F. Batchelder, returning births,	1 00
B. T. McGlaufflin, cash paid as Fireward,	4 00

W. S. Armstrong, expressage,	55
J. B. Thomas, posts for fence,	6 10
B. T. McGlaufflin, compensation for fireman,	33 00
E. G. Fletcher, gravel,	1 00
Jesse W. Peabody, journeys out of town and horse-hire,	4 50
Jesse W. Peabody, copying valuation book,	6 00
Jesse W. Peabody, cash paid,	65
A. W. Peabody, horse hire and car fare,	4 80
A. W. Peabody, cash paid for book,	1 00
J. A. Batchelder, journeys out of town,	4 00
J. A. Batchelder, stationery and expressage,	4 55
J. A. Batchelder, car fare and postage,	2 50
S. A. Fletcher, express and postage,	89
S. A. Fletcher, discount allowed on taxes,	277 01
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	\$686 28

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Schools,	\$1575 53
Incidental School Expenses,	447 88
Text Books and Supplies,	279 48
Highways and Bridges,	1286 28
Central Street Improvement,	1023 76
Lake Street Improvement,	217 84
Removing snow,	10 50
Poor Department,	1501 86
Town Officers' Bills,	495 79
State Aid,	149 00
Military Aid,	387 50
Town Hall Account,	154 22
Memorial Day,	86 03
Town Hall Repairs,	475 17

Cemetery,	105 50
Miscellaneous,	686 28
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	\$8,882 62

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State Tax,	\$540 00
County Tax,	521 11
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	\$1061 11

JESSE W. PEABODY, TAX COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH
THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON.

DR.

Bal. of tax list 1888, as per last year's report,	\$1914 00
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CR.

Paid Treasurer on tax list of 1888, . . .	\$1214 49
Uncollected on tax list of 1888, . . .	699 51
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	\$1914 00

DR.

Bal. of tax list 1887 as per last year's report,	\$431 06
Interest collected,	23 72
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	\$454 78

CR.

Paid Treasurer on list of 1887,	\$435 60
Uncollected on list of 1887,	19 18
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	\$454 78

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TAX COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT
WITH THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON.

Tax list of 1889,	\$7821 48
Amt. paid Treasurer on list of 1889,	5167 80
Amt. of County tax paid,	521 11
Uncollected on tax list of 1889,	2132 57
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	\$7821 48

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN
OF MIDDLETON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 20, 1890.

DR.

To balance of last year's account,	\$729 19
" cash of North Reading pauper account, .	11 39
" " " B. F. Ogden, cemetery lot,	10 00
" " " State Treasurer, corporation tax, .	21 28
" " " State Treasurer, bank tax,	95 31
" " " State Treasurer, state aid,	110 00
" " " State Treasurer, military aid, . . .	248 25
" " " County Treasurer, for use of lockup, .	1 00
" " " S. M. Peabody, for old plank,	7 75
" " " County Treasurer, for dog tax, . . .	137 54
" " " George B. Flint, glass,	1 06
" " " North Andover, pauper account, . . .	28 50
" " " State Treasurer, school fund,	206 17
" " " Reading, pauper account,	104 25
" " " City of Lynn, pauper account,	2 00
" " " Town of Topsfield, bound stone, . . .	5 00
" " " F. E. Campbell, use of Town Hall, 1888, .	18 25
" " " F. E. Campbell, use of Town Hall, 1889, .	164 00
" " " North Reading, pauper account, . . .	93 30

To cash of State Treasurer, on Town note, .	2000	00
“ “ “ State Treasurer, on Town note, .	1200	00
“ “ “ B. F. Emerson, trust fund, .	800	00
“ “ “ Jesse W. Peabody, on tax list of 1887, .	435	60
“ “ “ J. W. Peabody, on tax list of 1888, .	1214	49
“ “ “ S. A. Fletcher, on tax list of 1889, .	5688	91
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	\$13,333	24

CR.

To cash paid State Treasurer, on two notes, .	\$3200	00
“ “ “ State Treasurer, int. on two notes, .	46	78
“ “ “ Interest on notes, . . .	125	00
“ “ “ State Treasurer, State tax, .	540	00
“ “ “ County Treasurer, county tax, .	521	11
“ “ “ on Selectmens' orders, . . .	7380	76
“ “ “ on Overseers' orders, . . .	1501	86
Balance in treasury,	17	73
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	\$13,333	24

S. A. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, etc., and find them correct and properly vouched, for the year ending February 20th, 1890.

DANIEL WESTON, Auditor,

MIDDLETON, MASS., Feb. 20, 1890.

ASSESSORS' VALUATION OF PROPERTY.

Real estate,	\$476,706
Personal estate,	83,427
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	\$560,133

Number of Polls, 267.

Rate of Taxation, \$13.00 per \$1000.

Tax on Polls,	\$534 00
Tax on Real Estate,	6197 18
Tax on Personal Estate,	1084 55
Additional assessments,	5 75
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	\$7,821 48

Amount voted by the town for current expenses,	\$2000 00
“ “ “ “ “ schools, . . .	1400 00
“ “ “ “ “ school supplies,	175 00
“ “ “ “ “ school desks, .	100 00
“ “ “ “ “ highways, .	1000 00
“ “ “ “ “ bridges, . .	300 00
“ “ “ “ “ Central street, .	1000 00
“ “ “ “ “ Lake street, .	225 00
“ “ “ “ “ Memorial day,	100 00
“ “ “ “ “ cemetery, . .	100 00
“ “ “ “ “ enforcement of	
liquor law,	50 00
State Tax,	540 00
County Tax,	521 11
Overlay on Tax,	304 62
Amount of additional assessments,	5 75
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	\$7,821 48

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Flint Public Library,	\$2750 00
Town Hall,	5000 00
School Houses,	8000 00
Lock-up,	500 00
Cemetery,	300 00
Hearse and hearse house,	800 00
Fire apparatus,	600 00
Gravel pit,	50 00
B. F. Emerson Fund,	9500 00
Safe,	200 00
School books in use,	250 00
Road machine,	250 00
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	\$28,200 00

The Selectmen respectfully submit the following estimate of the sums, necessary to be raised by taxation, to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year:

Current expenses,	\$2000 00
Schools,	1400 00
School Books and Supplies,	175 00
Incidental school expenses,	150 00
Highways,	1000 00
Bridges,	100 00
Cemetery,	100 00
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	\$4,925 00

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of town notes on interest at 5 per cent.,	\$3300 00
Amount due the schools,	504 10
Amount of unsettled bills, (estimated,)	150 00
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	\$3,954 10

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per Treasurer's account,	\$17 73
Due from State on account of State Aid, . . .	168 00
Due from State on account of Military Aid, . . .	241 75
School books on hand,	85 00
Due from Charlestown, pauper account, . . .	12 68
Due from State, pauper account,	108 00
Amount of uncollected taxes, 1887, . . .	19 18
Amount of uncollected taxes, 1888, . . .	699 51
Amount of uncollected taxes, 1889, . . .	2132 57
Balance against the town,	469 68
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	\$3,954 10

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	} Selectmen of Middleton.
JESSE W. PEABODY,	
ANDREW W. PEABODY.	

MIDDLETON, Feb. 20, 1890.

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

As the time draws near for our Eleventh Annual Report, we are forcibly reminded of the changes which time brings in its ceaseless course.

Our last report was scarcely printed, before the sad intelligence reached us that our generous patron, the one in honor of whom our Library was named, had passed away. At the Town meeting in March resolutions were passed in regard to his death, and it was voted that a portrait of Hon. Charles L. Flint be placed in the Library Room.

We expect that our accommodations will be increased in the near future, by having a new Library Building, as

\$10,000 was provided for that purpose by Mr. Flint in his will, and also \$5,000 for books and periodicals.

It was also voted at the March meeting that a life-size portrait of Mr. B. F. Emerson, who donated \$10,000 to our Library to be known as the Emerson Fund, should be placed in the Library.

We were pained to learn in May of the death of William Weston while he was travelling in South America. He has always shown a great interest in our welfare, and has presented the Library with many valuable books.

The Board of Trustees met with a sad loss in August, by the death of Mr. Gilman A. Kimball, its Treasurer.

We are pleased to know that the readers of our Library books have not decreased in number, and we hope that a taste for good and useful reading will be cultivated by the people of this community, so that the full benefit of the Library will be realized.

ANSEL P. TYLER,	} Trustees of Flint Public Library.
SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,	
JAMES FLINT,	
JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	
WILLIAM A. PHELPS,	

MIDDLETON, Feb. 20, 1890.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Books in the Library, Feb. 1, 1889,	3,508
“ presented by A. E. Lancaster,	1
“ “ “ A. P. Tyler,	1
“ “ “ E. A. Mosely,	1
“ “ “ U. S. Com. of Education,	1
“ “ “ U. S. Com. of Fish and Fisheries,	4
“ “ unknown,	1
“ purchased of Estes & Lauriat, etc.,	144
Books in Library Feb. 1, 1890,	3,661

PAMPHLETS RECEIVED IN 1889.

From Newton Free Library,	1
“ Hopedale “ “	1
“ U. S. Board of Education,	10
“ Tribune Association,	3
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Whole number of books taken out of the Library from
Feb. 1, 1889, to Feb. 1, 1890, 4,775

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Librarian.

MIDDLETON, Feb. 1, 1890.

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY IN ACCOUNT WITH SAMUEL A.
FLETCHER, LIBRARIAN.

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Librarian's salary,	\$64 00
Estes & Lauriat, etc., for new books,	143 20
“ “ “ “ books replaced,	1 80
Insurance on books,	18 00
H. A. Brooks, rebinding books,	14 13
J. H. Choate & Co., printing supplements,	17 00
L. P. Fletcher, preparing supplements,	6 00
Manilla papers for covers,	1 60
Express and freight,	1 30
Paid for zinc etching,	8 00
Car fare,	1 04
Kerosene and postage,	56
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	\$276 63

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To cash received for cards and fines,	\$9 69
“ “ “ “ catalogues,	75
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	10 44
To cash received from Emerson Fund,	266 19
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	\$276 63

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Librarian.

B. F. EMERSON FUND.

The Trustees of the Emerson Fund submit the following as their second annual report:—

Amount received from executors as per statement	
of 1889,	\$7,500 00
Received from executors this year,	2,000 00
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	\$9,500 00
Balance not invested in 1889,	254 00
Amount invested in 1889,	7,246 00
Deposited in Andover Savings Bank,	1,000 00
Note against Town of Middleton,	800 00
Cash on hand,	200 00
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	9,500 00

INCOME ACCOUNT.

Balance from last year,	\$143 19
Interest on So. Kansas bonds,	300 00
Interest on N. Y. N. E. bonds,	120 00
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	\$563 19

EXPENSE.

To rent of safe deposit vault,	10 00
Cash paid for books for library,	135 85
Cash paid S. A. Fletcher,	130 34
Balance on hand,	287 00
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	\$563 19

A. P. TYLER,	} Trustees.
S. A. FLETCHER,	
M. J. EMERSON,	
M. E. TYLER,	
F. P. MERRIAM,	

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

To Jerome Leavitt, Constable of the Town of Middleton, in the County of Essex.

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on MONDAY, the third day of March, next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To vote on the question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? The vote will be by a separate ballot, and the ballot shall be "yes" or "no" in answer to said question.

ART. 5. To see if the town will accept the following bequests, contained in the will of Charles L. Flint, late of the City of Boston, deceased, which will was proved in the Probate Court for the County of Suffolk, March 25, 1889, and is now recorded in the records of said Court, for the purposes and subject to the provisions of said will:

"Ninth. I give and bequeath to the Town of Middleton, in Essex Co., the sum of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars, to be expended under the direction of the Trustees of the Flint Public Library of said town, in erecting a suitable permanent building for the use of said library.

"I also give to the said Town of Middleton the sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars to constitute a permanent fund for the support of the public library, the income only to be used for the purchase of books and periodicals, the town to provide for the care and maintenance of the library."

ART. 6. To see if the town will purchase a lot of land upon which to erect a suitable permanent building for the use of the Flint Public Library, in accordance with the will of the late Charles L. Flint; and if so, to see what sum of money the town will raise for that purpose.

ART. 7. To see how much money the town will raise to defray town charges the ensuing year, and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

ART. 8. To see what action the town will take in relation to discount and interest on taxes.

ART. 9. To act on the list of Jurors, prepared and posted by the selectmen.

ART. 10. To see what action the town will take concerning the cemetery.

ART. 11. To see what action the town will take in regard to letting the Town Hall.

ART. 12. To see what action the town will take in regard to the enforcement of the laws against the sale of intoxicating liquors.

ART. 13. To see what regulations the town will make in regard to fishing in Middleton Pond.

ART. 14. To see what action the town will take for the prevention of fires, and in respect to the compensation of firemen.

ART. 15. To see what measures the town will adopt for the removal of snow from the sidewalks.

ART. 16. To see if the town will raise a sum of money to be expended in building and repairing sidewalks.

ART. 17. To see if the town will take any action in regard to the care and employment of tramps, on petition of L. G. Esty and others.

ART. 18. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, under the direction of the selectmen, to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to meet current expenses, in anticipation of the taxes of the present year, and payable therefrom.

ART. 19. To see how much money the town will raise for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

ART. 20. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes, which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

ART. 21. To see what action the town will take in regard to purchasing land for enlarging Middleton Cemetery.

ART. 22. To see if the town will accept and allow the laying out of a town way called Central street, from Washington street to Central square, made by the Road Commissioners on the thirtieth day of November, 1889, with the boundaries and measurements of said way; said laying out with the boundaries and measurements being now on file in the office of the town clerk, and to be submitted to town at said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office, in said town, seven days at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of February, A. D. 1890.

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	} Selectmen of Middleton.
JESSE W. PEABODY,	
ANDREW W. PEABODY,	

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF MIDDLETON,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 20, 1891.



SALEM:

OBSERVER BOOK AND JOB PRINT,

1891.

REPORT.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

Clara E. Bryer, teaching Grammar school,	\$385 00
Nellie C. Howe, teaching Primary school,	460 00
Ralph G. Peabody, services as janitor,	15 00
Ralph G. Peabody, sawing wood,	1 50
James A. Bryer, as janitor, and sawing wood,	12 50
Herbert Esty, janitor, and sawing wood,	12 00
Samuel F. Esty, wood,	4 37
S. H. Wilkins, wood,	6 00
Tyler & Armstrong, coal,	22 40
Lore & Russell, coal,	13 00
Wm. P. Hussey, coal,	13 50
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	\$945 27

NORTH SCHOOL.

Annie Woodworth, teaching,	\$256 00
Freddie B. Lake, services as janitor,	9 00
Bertha L. Peabody, as janitor,	5 00
W. W. Richardson, as janitor,	5 00
R. H. Peabody, sawing wood,	1 13
W. W. Richardson, sawing wood,	3 25
Farnham Stiles, wood,	19 50
Leverett H. Wilkins, wood,	13 00
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	\$311 88

EAST SCHOOL.

Lizzie E. Peabody, teaching, . . .	\$390 00	
Sadie Metcalf, care of rooms, . . .	10 00	
Maud Jones, care of room, . . .	2 50	
Lore & Russell, coal, . . .	13 00	
William T. Martin, wood, . . .	3 50	
F. A. Witham, sawing wood, . . .	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$422 00
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		\$1,679 15
Balance due the schools,		526 17
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		\$2,205 32
Balance due the schools last year,		\$504 19
Town appropriation for schools,		1,400 00
Amount received from State school fund,		208 13
Amount received from dog licenses,		93 00
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		\$2,205 32

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

William A. Russell, repairing clock,	\$1 50
Bertha L. Peabody, cleaning school rooms,	24 15
S. B. Leonard, labor on school house,	20 25
Newcomb & Gauss, printing school reports,	15 25
Farnham Stiles, use of well,	3 00
George B. Flint, repairing school house,	18 20
J. E. Ropes & Co., stove pipe,	8 47
Darius W. Case, cedar posts,	1 67
Pope Bros., shingles,	44 00
Kendall E. Graves, setting glass,	6 00
J. E. Ropes & Co., stove,	26 55

Mrs. John Rier, cleaning school room, . . .	4 40
M. E. Tyler, school supplies,	22 74
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, school supplies, . . .	7 74
S. T. LeBaron, expressage,	70
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	\$204 62

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Van Amburg Bragg & Co., books,	\$13 92
Lizzie E. Peabody, supplies,	56
J. L. Hammett, supplies,	51 88
Harper & Brothers, books,	16 85
Boston School Supply Co., supplies,	14 80
American Book Co, books,	8 10
Thompson, Brown & Co., supplies,	17 72
Silver, Burdett & Co., supplies,	16 67
J. L. Hammett supplies,	69 75
William Ware & Co., books,	3 50
Thompson, Brown & Co., books,	3 75
Warren P. Adams, supplies,	3 50
Boston School Supply Co, books	8 37
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	\$229 37

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' DEPARTMENT.

Town appropriation for highways and bridges, .	\$1,600 00
Balance due from last year,	40 00
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	\$1,640 00
J. A. Hutchinson, labor and teams, \$334 43	
Wm. T. Martin, labor and teams, 122 55	
Geo. Nickerson, labor and teams, 56 28	

Geo. Margeson, labor,	63 28
Sylvanus Flint, labor and teams,	80 25
W. McKenny, labor,	30 00
James Gates, labor,	27 00
John Higgins, labor,	7 50
B. W. Peabody, labor,	141 00
M. E. Tyler, teams,	37 50
John Rier, labor,	59 25
Amos L. Peabody,	4 70
Jesse W. Daniels,	78 50
Thomas McKenna,	3 75
B. & M. R. R., transportation, .	4 32
Daniel Donovan, labor,	29 25
Pope Brothers, lumber,	59 29
Fred S. Flint, labor,	4 50
Warren Thomas, labor,	7 00
Patrick Donovan, labor,	82 75
W. H. Gould, labor,	19 50
E. W. Wilkins, labor,	3 75
J. H. Castley, labor,	9 00
F. A. Witham, labor,	2 50
L. S. Wilkins, labor,	45
Thomas Carlin, labor,	23 00
John B. Putney, gravel,	5 56
M. B. Page, drain pipe,	8 91
Eugene Kelly, labor,	36 80
American Express, road machine, .	45
C. P. Perkins, drain pipe,	74 05
W. W. Peabody, labor,	23 25
John J. Grothe,	15 55
Railroad Granite Works,	9 00
C. W. Tibbetts, road machine, . .	8 35
D. W. Case, labor,	6 25
A. A. Averill,	5 25

H. A. Wilkins, supplies, . . .	1 80
James McCloy, labor, . . .	3 00
Andrew Nichols, surveys, . . .	12 00
Town of Danvers, one half repairs on bridge,	63 65
A. M. Richardson, labor, . . .	13 12
John F. Millbury, labor, . . .	2 25
Danvers Water Board, repairs on hydrant,	16 00
W. H. Fuller, gravel,	5 00
Jesse W. Peabody, gravel, . . .	5 00
Wm. Berry, gravel,	2 75
Allen D. Bryer, labor,	12 00
Hiram McGlauffin, labor, . . .	1 50
A. P. Tyler, 12 bbls. tar,	60 00
Mrs. W. H. Beverly, storing machine,	2 00
Benj. Metcalf, labor,	1 40
Geo. A. Currier, gravel and stone,	6 00
Solomon W. Weston, use of oxen,	80
C. P. Stiles, labor,	45
John Gage, labor,	1 05
Town of Peabody, one half expense on bridge, 1889,	27 75
F. L. Evans, advice in 1889, . . .	10 00
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	\$1,732 24
Amount of appropriation overdrawn,	92 24
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	\$1,640 00

REMOVING SNOW.

J. A. Hutchinson,	\$14 70
O. H. Rennerd,	22 70
W. T. Martin,	7 40
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	\$44 80

POOR DEPARTMENT.

Daniel Fuller, wood for Andrew Gould,	\$16 87
L. H. Wilkins, wood for " " . . .	6 50
Isaac Nickerson, wood for " " . . .	3 25
Ansil Nickerson, cutting wood for Andrew Gould,	1 75
Geo. P. Melcher, " " " " " "	7 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies,	65 00
Daniel Fuller, wood for Mrs. S. Curry,	16 63
Isaac Nickerson, " " " " " " . . .	3 25
J. B. Thomas & Co. wood for Mrs. S. Curry,	1 50
H. E. Howe, wood for Mrs. S. Curry, . . .	8 63
L. H. Wilkins, " " " " " "	3 25
Geo. P. Melcher, cutting wood for Mrs. S. Curry,	4 55
Ansil Nickerson, " " " " " " " "	3 25
Geo. Nickerson, " " " " " " " " .	1 25
E. A. Stimpson, groceries " " " " "	23 21
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, "	4 00
Daniel Fuller, house rent,	24 00
Town of Melrose, aid for W. F. Russell, . . .	306 71
City of Salem, " " Henry Mansfield, . .	71 10
Town of Beverly, " " Frank Wilkins, . . .	122 97
" " " " " Sereno Terrio,	22 00
Tyler & Armstrong, shoes for W. Freeman's family,	1 40
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for John Pardon,	4 00
Forrest L. Evans, council in case of Helen J.	
Guilford,	15 00
Jesse W. Peabody, sending Warner Peabody to	
Soldiers' Home,	1 00
C. O. Berry, groceries for Mrs. Chas. Cross, .	2 00
H. E. Howe, house rent " " " " . . .	6 00
Town of Georgetown, aid for D. P. Hutchinson,	55 00
Ansil Nickerson, board of L. J. Drake, . . .	24 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for H. Burroughs,	16 00

Daniel Fuller, wood for Tramp house, . . .	5 10
Wm. Penn Hussey, coal for " " . . .	19 25
Clinton P. Stiles, repairs on stove, . . .	25
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies, . . .	37 86
B. T. McGlauflin, registering, and locking up 562 tramps, . . .	56 20
John Q. Averill, boarding Caroline Kelley, .	34 50
Moynahan & Colby, printing,	
B. T. McGlauflin, car fare, looking up settle- ment of Holbrook Burroughs, to Boston,	1 08
To Newburyport, two trips, . . .	3 70
Horse hire from Newburyport to Newbury, .	2 00
Car fare to Salem searching record, . . .	85
Horse hire and expense to Melrose, on account of W. F. Russell, . . .	3 00
Car fare to Salem, on account of Helen J. Guil- ford five times, . . .	2 90
Car fare to Beverly, on acct. of Frank Wilkins,	68
Services as Overseer, . . .	25 00
A. W. Peabody, car fare to Boston, on account of H. Burroughs, . . .	1 08
Car fare to Beverly, on account of F. Wilkins,	1 56
Horse hire to Danvers, on acct. of Helen J. Guilford,	1 00
Services as Overseer, . . .	15 00
J. A. Hutchinson, horse hire and expenses to North Reading and Melrose, on account of W. F. Russell, . . .	3 50
Horse hire to Beverly, on account of Frank Wilkins,	1 75
Car fare to Salem, three times, on account of Helen J. Guilford, . . .	1 62
Car fare to Beverly, on account of Frank Wilkins,	69
Services as Overseer, . . .	15 00
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Whole amount of Overseers' orders drawn, .	\$1,078 64

Whole Amount of Overseers' orders drawn, .	\$1,078 64
Unsettled bills of this year,	35 00
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	\$1,113 64

Received from North Reading on account of Mrs. Chas. Cross,	\$8 00
Received from North Reading on account of Mrs. S. Curry,	93 52
Due from Lynn on account of John Pardon,	4 00
Due from Dracut on account of Caroline Kelly,	9 00
Received from Dracut on account of Caro- line Kelly,	25 50
Received from Newburyport on account of Holbrook Burroughs,	16 00
Due from State on account of L. J. Drake,	24 00
Unsettled bills of last year paid,	50 00
Whole cost of supporting poor,	883 62
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	\$1,113 64

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Samuel A. Fletcher, Treasurer,	\$25 00
Samuel A. Fletcher, Collector,	82 05
J. A. Batchelder, Selectman and Assessor,	60 00
J. Hovey Eaton, " " "	60 00
William T. Martin, " " "	60 00
Fred E. Campbell, Constable,	15 00
Joseph A. Batchelder, Town Clerk,	8 00
J. A. Batchelder, recording births, marriages, and deaths,	10 15

S. T. LeBaron, School Committee,	35 00
William S. Armstrong, School Committee,	25 00
Maurice E. Tyler, " "	35 00
J. A. Batchelder, Registrar of Voters,	6 00
William T. Martin, " " "	6 00
J. Hovey Eaton, " " "	6 00
Ansel P. Tyler, Road Commissioner,	25 00
James A. Hutchinson, Road Commissioner,	10 00
Sylvanus Flint, " "	10 00
Daniel Weston, Auditor,	5 00
John M. Peabody, Superintendent of Burials,	10 00
Benjamin T. McGlauffin, Forest Fireward,	5 00
Farnham Stiles, Sealer of Weights and Measures,	5 00
B. T. McGlauffin, Moderator,	5 50
Francis E. Batchelder, "	1 00
F. E. Campbell, enforcing dog laws,	6 00
J. H. Eaton, perambulating town line,	15 00
W. T. Martin, " " "	15 00
S. T. LeBaron, Election Officer,	1 50
S. A. Fletcher, " "	1 50
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	\$548 70

STATE ACCOUNT.

Catharine Danforth,	\$24 00
John W. Peabody,	72 00
Hiram McGlauffin,	48 00
Mary P. Rennerd,	36 00
Susan A. Stewart,	36 00
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	\$216 00

MILITARY AID.

Frank Atwood,	\$96 00
Isaiah B. Peabody,	186 22

Patrick Gellispie,	144 00
Benjamin W. Peabody, Jr.,	60 00
Benjamin W. Peabody,	12 00
Henry Peabody, 2nd,	17 50
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	\$515 72

One half of the amount paid for Military Aid is reimbursed to the town by the State.

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

EXPENSES.

Fred E. Campbell, services as janitor, . . .	\$107 50
Fred E. Campbell, cash paid for coal, . . .	33 25
Fred E. Campbell, cash paid for oil, . . .	8 89
Fred E. Campbell, supplies and repairs, . . .	6 48
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Total,	\$156 12
Balance in favor of the town,	9 13
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	\$165 25

RECEIPTS.

I. O. of Red Men,	\$69 00
First Cong. Society,	17 50
Essex Lodge, Order of Ægis,	9 00
Entertainments,	69 75
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Total,	\$165 25

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation,	\$75 00
Amount drawn by Committee,	\$90 45

CEMETERY.

John M. Peabody, labor,	\$145 80
John M. Peabody, plants and flowers,	5 23
John M. Peabody, labor and manure,	7 00
Middleton Building Association, turf,	4 00
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	\$162 03

ENLARGEMENT OF CEMETERY.

Amount of appropriation,	\$1,000 00
D. W. Richardson, for land,	1000 00

ABATEMENTS.

William J. Murphy,	\$1 36
Heirs of Benj. Howe,	2 04
C. A. Fletcher and E. R. Manahan,	11 42
C. A. Fletcher,	1 63
Jesse W. Peabody, Collector on list of 1888, . .	70 28
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	\$86 73

MISCELLANEOUS.

Edward L. Perley, record book,	\$1 75
Newcomb & Gauss, printing town report, . . .	31 75
Danvers Water Board, use of water at hall and cemetery,	12 00
Andrew Nichols, examining title to Fuller estate,	10 50
Boston Belting Co., hose,	80 00
B. T. McGlauflin, cash paid for labor at forest fire,	32 51
E. A. Darling, Collector's book,	5 00
F. P. Merriam, storage of hose carriage,	5 00
King & Godard, pails,	4 00
B. T. McGlauflin, journeys to Boston, and cash, .	3 10
Moynahan & Colby, printing notices,	1 50

Dr. J. Allen, returning births,	1 75
W. J. Dinsmore, town seal,	3 00
M. E. Tyler, use of team by constable,	3 00
Danvers Water Board, repairing hydrant,	4 00
Dr. H. F. Batchelder, returning births,	75
B. T. McGlauffin, compensation of firemen,	33 00
William T. Martin, horse hire and car fare,	3 00
M. E. Tyler, supplies for street lamp,	2 78
M. E. Tyler, taking school census,	3 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, pails for Fire Department,	1 00
J. Hovey Eaton, journeys out of town,	7 40
J. Hovey Eaton, cash paid for book,	1 00
Forrest L. Evans, legal advice in liquor case,	15 00
J. A. Batchelder, journeys out of town,	3 00
J. A. Batchelder, stationery and expressage,	4 75
J. A. Batchelder, car fare and postage,	2 45
S. A. Fletcher, car fare and postage,	2 86
S. A. Fletcher, discount on taxes of 1890,	294 07
S. A. Fletcher, cash paid for recording deed of land for Library,	1 25
Fred E. Campbell, fees from District Court,	4 34
John M. Peabody, care of street lamp,	12 00
John M. Peabody, returning deaths,	2 75
John M. Peabody, axle grease and lock,	85

\$594 11

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Schools,	\$1,679 15
Incidental school expenses,	204 62
School books and supplies,	229 37
Road Commissioners' department,	1,732 24
Removing snow,	44 80

Poor department,	. . . . .	1,078 64
Town officers' bills,	. . . . .	548 70
State aid,	. . . . .	216 00
Military aid,	. . . . .	515 72
Town Hall account,	. . . . .	156 12
Memorial Day,	. . . . .	90 45
Cemetery,	. . . . .	162 03
Enlargement of Cemetery,	. . . . .	1,000 00
Abatements,	. . . . .	86 73
Miscellaneous,	. . . . .	594 11
Amount of orders drawn,		<u>\$8,338 68</u>

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State Tax,	. . . . .	\$472 50
“ County Tax,	. . . . .	521 11
		<u>\$993 61</u>

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation for building lot,	. . . . .	\$3,500 00
Appropriation for grading lot,	. . . . .	500 00
		<u>\$4,000 00</u>
Paid Mrs. E. A. Fuller et. al., for land,	. . . . .	\$3,500 00
Paid Flint Building Fund, for grading lot,	. . . . .	500 00
		<u>\$4,000 00</u>

JESSE W. PEABODY, TAX COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH
THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON.

DR.

Bal. of Tax list of 1887, as per last year's report,	\$19 18
Interest collected,	73
	<u>\$19 91</u>

CR.

Paid treasurer on list of 1887,	\$19 91
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DR.

Balance of tax list of 1888, as per last year's report,	\$699 51
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CR.

Paid Treasurer on tax list of 1888,	\$678 06	
Uncollected on tax list of 1888,	21 45	
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SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TAX COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH
THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON.

Bal. of tax list of 1889, as per last year's report,	\$2,132 57
Interest collected on list of 1889,	41 45
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	\$2,174 02

CR.

Amount paid Treasurer on tax list of	
1889,	\$1,364 25
Uncollected on tax list of 1889,	809 77
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	\$2,174 02

DR.

Tax list of 1890,	\$8,205 94
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CR.

Amount paid Treasurer on tax list of	
1890,	\$6,350 30
Uncollected on tax list of 1890, .	1,855 64
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	\$8,205 94

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
TOWN OF MIDDLETON, FOR YEAR ENDING FEB. 20, 1891.

DR.

To balance of last year's account,	\$17 73
“ cash of County Treasurer, use of lock-up, .	1 00
“ “ “ State Treasurer, pauper account, .	90 00
“ “ “ State Treasurer, corporation tax, .	38 27
“ “ “ State Treasurer, bank tax, .	90 76
“ “ “ State Treasurer, state aid, .	150 00
“ “ “ State Treasurer, military aid, .	224 00
“ “ “ State Treasurer, school fund, .	208 13
“ “ “ Town of Dracut, pauper account, .	25 50
“ “ “ Mrs. S. W. Hall, cemetery lot, .	4 50
“ “ “ Mrs. E. A. Fuller, cemetery lot, .	3 75
“ “ “ W. J. Richardson, cemetery lot, .	18 00
“ “ “ William H. Fuller, cemetery lot, .	25 00
“ “ “ City of Newburyport, pauper account, .	28 68
“ “ “ Flint Building Fund, on town note, .	2,000 00
“ “ “ County Treasurer, dog tax, .	93 00
“ “ “ F. E. Campbell, use of Town Hall, .	165 25
“ “ “ Town of N. Reading, pauper account, .	101 52
“ “ “ Flint Public Library, on town note, .	3,500 00
“ “ “ G. Lacey, milk license, .	50
“ “ “ Jesse W. Peabody, on tax list of 1887, .	19 91
“ “ “ Jesse W. Peabody, on tax list of 1888, .	678 06
“ “ “ S. A. Fletcher, on tax list of 1889, .	1,364 25
“ “ “ S. A. Fletcher, on tax list of 1890, .	6,350 30
“ “ “ Flint Public Library, on town note, .	1,500 00
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	\$16,698 11

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By cash paid B. F. Emerson Fund, interest on note, .	\$40 00
“ “ “ State Treasurer, state tax, .	472 50
“ “ “ County Treasurer, county tax, .	521 11

By cash paid Flint Building Fund, note,	2,000 00
“ “ “ Flint Building Fund, interest on note,	53 33
“ “ “ Elizabeth A. Fuller, et al., Library lot,	3,500 00
“ “ “ Flint Building Fund, appropriation,	500 00
“ “ “ interest on notes,	115 00
“ “ “ on Selectmen's orders,	7,260 04
“ “ “ on Overseers' orders,	1,078 64
Balance in treasury,	1,157 49
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	\$16,698 11

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them to be correct, and the vouchers in proper form.

DANIEL WESTON, Auditor.

MIDDLETON, Feb. 20, 1891.

ASSESSORS' VALUATION OF PROPERTY.

Real estate,	\$473,805 00
Personal estate,	90,602 00
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	\$564,407 00
Number of polls, 264.	
Rate of taxation, \$13.60 per \$1,000.	
Tax on polls,	\$528 00
Tax on real estate,	6,443 75
Tax on personal estate,	1,232 19
Additional assessments,	2 00
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	\$8,205 94

Amount voted for current expenses,	.	.	\$2,000 00
“ “ “ schools,	.	.	1,400 00
“ “ “ incidental schools,	.	.	150 00
“ “ “ school supplies,	.	.	175 00
“ “ “ highways,	.	.	1,200 00
“ “ “ bridges,	.	.	100 00
“ “ “ sidewalks,	.	.	300 00
“ “ “ Memorial Day,	.	.	75 00
“ “ “ Cemetery,	.	.	150 00
“ “ “ enlargement of Cemetery,	.	.	700 00
“ “ “ Library lot,	.	.	500 00
“ “ “ hose,	.	.	100 00
“ “ “ enforcement of liquor law,	.	.	50 00
State tax,	.	.	472 50
County tax,	.	.	521 11
Overlay on tax,	.	.	310 33
Additional assessments,	.	.	2 00
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			\$8,205 94

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Flint Public Library,	\$2,750 00
Library lot,	4,000 00
Town Hall,	.	.	.	.	.	5,000 00
School-houses,	.	.	.	.	.	8,000 00
Lock-up,	.	.	.	.	.	500 00
Cemetery,	.	.	.	.	.	1,300 00
Hearse and hearse-house,	.	.	.	.	.	800 00
Fire apparatus,	.	.	.	.	.	700 00
Gravel-pit,	.	.	.	.	.	50 00
B. F. Emerson Fund,	.	.	.	.	.	9,500 00
C. L. Flint, Building Fund,	.	.	.	.	.	10,000 00
C. L. Flint Book Fund,	5,000 00
Road machine,	250 00

School books in use,	250 00
Safe,	200 00
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	\$48,300 00

The Selectmen respectfully submit the following estimate of the sums necessary to be raised by taxation, to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year:

Current expenses,	\$2,000 00
Schools,	1,400 00
School books and supplies,	200 00
Incidental school expenses,	175 00
Highways,	1,200 00
Bridges,	100 00
Sidewalks,	150 00
Cemetery,	150 00
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	\$5,375 00

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of town notes on interest at 5 per cent.	\$6,300 00
Amount of town notes on interest at 4 per cent.	2,000 00
Amount due the schools,	526 17
Amount of unsettled bills, (estimated)	50 00
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	\$8,876 17

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per Treasurer's account,	\$1,157 49
Due from State on account of State Aid,	235 00
Due from State on account of Military Aid,	391 36

School books on hand,	85 00
Due from Lynn on pauper account	4 00
Due from Dracut on pauper account,	9 00
Due from State on pauper account,	24 00
Amount of uncollected taxes, 1888,	21 45
Amount of uncollected taxes, 1889,	809 77
Amount of uncollected taxes, 1890,	1,855 64
Balance against the Town,	4,283 46
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	\$8,876 17

The town debt has increased \$3,813.78 during the year. Of this sum \$3,800.00 were paid by vote of the town for a building lot for the Flint Public Library and land for enlargement of cemetery.

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	} Selectmen of Middleton.
WILLIAM T. MARTIN,	
J. HOVEY EATON,	

Middleton, Feb. 20, 1891.

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Twelfth Annual Report of Trustees of Flint Public Library.

We would congratulate the inhabitants of Middleton in the prospect of having a new Library Building, which is now in process of erection.

The long felt need of more commodious quarters is about to be supplied by the thoughtful generosity of the late Hon. Charles L. Flint, a native of this town, and, while we enjoy the conveniences of our new rooms, may we hold in grateful remembrance the name of the donor, who was remarkable, not only for his scholarly attainments, but also for his devotion to the best interests of his fellowmen.

This building will be a noble monument to his memory.

No large addition could be made to our library in the last year, but we are hoping to make an addition to the number of books when we possess a greater shelving capacity.

We acknowledge with thanks the gift of two volumes of the History of Essex County from Miss Sophronia Fuller.

We hope that the people of Middleton will show their appreciation of the privileges afforded them, and avail themselves of the benefits to be derived from the use of books as a means of education.

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	} Trustees of Flint Public Library.
WILLIAM A. PHELPS,	
ANSEL P. TYLER,	
SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,	
JAMES FLINT,	
JESSE W. PEABODY,	

MIDDLETON, Feb. 20th, 1891.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Books in the Library, Feb. 1, 1890,	3661
Books presented by Miss Sophronia Fuller,	2
“ “ “ Mass. State Sec’y,	5
“ “ “ U. S. Gov’m’t,	4
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Books in Library, Feb. 1, 1891,	3672

PAMPHLETS RECEIVED IN 1890.

From Newton Free Library,	1
“ Hopedale “ “	1
“ U. S. Board of Interior,	7
“ Mass. State Sec’y,	1
“ Hon. G. F. Hoar,	1
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Whole number of books taken from the Library from Feb. 1, 1890, to Feb. 1, 1891, 4803.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,
Librarian.

MIDDLETON, Feb. 1, 1891.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Samuel A. Fletcher acc't with Flint Public Library, Cr.	
To cash for Librarian's Salary, . . .	\$64 00
“ “ paid H. A. Brooks, rebinding books,	7 57
“ “ for kerosene,	60
“ “ “ postage and express,	97
	<hr/> \$73 14

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To cash received for cards and fines,	\$12 59
“ “ “ “ book lost,	50
	<hr/> \$13 09
Cash from B. F. Emerson fund,	60 05
	<hr/> 73 14

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

B. F. EMERSON FUND.

The trustees of the Emerson Fund submit the following as their third annual report.

Am't received from the executors as per statement of 1890,	\$9500 00
Received from executors this year,	408 23
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Balance from income account added to principal	117 13	
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		10,025 36
Previously invested, . . .	\$9,425 36	
Danvers Savings Bank, . . .	600 00	
	<hr/>	\$10,025 36

INCOME ACCOUNT.

Balance from last year, . . .	287 00	
Interest on exchange of bonds, . . .	37 50	
Interest on bonds,	195 00	
“ “ Town note,	40 00	
“ “ N. Y. and N. E. bonds,	120 00	
	<hr/>	\$679 50

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Added to principal,	\$117 13	
Expense on exchange of bonds,	52 53	
Cash paid S. A. Fletcher,	60 05	
“ “ Safe deposit vault,	10 00	
Balance on hand,	439 79	
	<hr/>	\$679 50

A. P. TYLER,	} Trustees.
S. A. FLETCHER,	
M. J. EMERSON,	
M. E. TYLER,	
F. P. MERRIAM,	

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TOWN TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT
WITH THE FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

FLINT BUILDING FUND.

Received from

Executors of C. L. Flint,	\$10,000 00
Town of Middleton, amount voted for grading lot,	500 00
Elias Wheelock, house,	100 00
John F. Higgins, barn,	12 25
Charles A. Fletcher, store,	30 00
Otis Brown, shed,	1 75
John P. Fuller, building,	1 00
James H. Curtis, boiler,	1 00
Elias Wheelock, bricks,	75 00
Town of Middleton, note paid,	2,000 00
Town of Middleton, interest on note	53 33
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	\$12,774 33

Paid to

Smith & Maney, contractors,	\$4,300 00
Loring & Phipps, architects,	250 00
George B. Flint, taking down chimneys,	47 00
C. H. Shepard, printing auction notices,	1 25
Town of Middleton, note,	2,000 00
Otis H. Rennerd, labor,	115 60
Jesse W. Daniels, labor,	49 20
John E. Barnaby, labor,	49 80
James S. Milbery, labor,	20 70
Samuel L. Peabody, labor,	9 15
Balance unexpended	5,931 63
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	\$12,774 33

FLINT BOOK FUND.

Amount received from executors of C. L. Flint,	\$5,000 00
Note against the Town of Middleton, . . .	\$3,500 00
Note against the Town of Middleton, . . .	1,500 00
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	\$5,000 00

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Town Treasurer.

The following list of persons qualified for Jurors, prepared and posted by the Selectmen, will be submitted to the town at the annual town meeting for revision and acceptance :

ALFRED A. AVERILL,	THOMAS HOYT,
WILLIAM S. ARMSTRONG,	ASA HOWE,
FRANCIS E. BATCHELDER,	HENRY E. HOWE,
SAMUEL G. CAMPBELL,	BENJAMIN P. RICHARDSON,
J. HOVEY EATON,	LEVERETT H. WILKINS,
HOSEA W. RICHARDSON,	HAMMON WOODBURY,
CHARLES O. FROST,	SAMUEL A. FLETCHER.
DANIEL FULLER,	

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

*To Fred E. Campbell, Constable of the Town of
Middleton, in the County of Essex.*

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on MONDAY the second day of March, next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To vote on the question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? The vote will be by a separate ballot, and the ballot shall be "yes" or "no" in answer to said question.

ART. 5. To see how much money the town will raise to defray town charges the ensuing year, and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

ART. 6. So see what action the town will take in relation to discount and interest on taxes.

ART. 7. To act on the list of Jurors, prepared and posted by the selectmen.

ART. 8. To see what action the town will take concerning the Cemetery.

ART. 9. To see what action the town will take in regard to letting the Town Hall.

ART. 10. To see what action the town will take in regard to the enforcement of the laws against the sale of intoxicating liquors.

ART. 11. To see what regulations the town will make in regard to fishing in Middleton Pond.

ART. 12. To see what action the town will take for the prevention of fires and in respect to the compensation of firemen.

ART. 13. To see what measures the town will adopt for the removal of snow from the sidewalks.

ART. 14. To see what action the town will take in regard to widening and straightening the highway near the house of Elias Wheelock.

ART. 15. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to meet current expenses, in anticipation of the taxes of the present year, and payable therefrom.

ART. 16. To see how much money the town will raise for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

ART. 17. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes, which a town treasurer when appointed Collector may use.

ART. 18. To see what action the town will take in regard to the railroad crossing near the house of Samuel F. Esty.

ART. 19. To see what action the town will take in regard to shingling the Centre school house.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office, in said town, seven days at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of February, A. D. 1891.

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	} Selectmen of Middleton.
WILLIAM T. MARTIN,	
J. HOVEY EATON,	

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

Town of Middleton,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 23, 1892.

SALEM :

OBSERVER BOOK AND JOB PRINT,

1892.

REPORT.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

Clara E. Bryer, teaching Grammar School, .	\$129 00
Annie Woodworth, teaching Intermediate School, .	296 00
Nellie C. Howe, teaching Primary School, .	290 00
Lizzie H. Shepard, teaching Intermediate School, .	5 40
Annie C. Smith, teaching Intermediate School, .	40 00
Herbert Esty, services as janitor, . . .	21 33
Harley M. Tyler, services as janitor, . . .	13 65
Harley M. Tyler, sawing wood, . . .	5 00
Oscar Sheldon, services as janitor, . . .	7 50
Lore & Russell, coal,	13 00
Tyler & Armstrong, coal,	36 15
Augustus Shepard, services as janitor, .	22 50
B. T. McGlauffin, wood,	4 50
B. T. McGlauffin, cutting wood,	1 25

\$1,185 28

NORTH SCHOOL.

Catharine A. Berry, teaching, .	\$302 00
C. R. Thomas, care of school-room, .	3 50
C. R. Thomas, sawing wood, .	1 00
Roland Peabody, as janitor, . . .	5 00
Mabelle Currier, care of school-room, .	4 00
A. Nickerson, sawing wood, . . .	14 50
Harry Spencer, sawing wood, .	1 25

\$331 25

EAST SCHOOL.

Lizzie E. Peabody, teaching, . . .	\$406 00
G. S. Metcalf, as janitor, . . .	15 00
Charles Dresser, sawing wood, . . .	1 00
Frank Jones, sawing wood, . . .	75
B. T. McGlauffin, coal, . . .	12 00
Frank A. Witham, sawing wood, . . .	3 00
	<hr/> \$437 75
	<hr/> \$1,954 28
Balance due the schools, . . .	511 81
	<hr/> \$2,466 09
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Balance due the schools last year, . . .	\$526 17
Town appropriation for schools, . . .	1,600 00
Amount received from State school fund, . . .	256 36
Amount received from dog licenses, . . .	83 56
	<hr/> \$2,466 09
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INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

A. W. Rich, repairs on school-house, . . .	\$15 05
Newcomb & Gauss, printing school report, . . .	16 25
Charles O. Frost, repairing fence, . . .	1 00
S. T. LeBaron, supplies, . . .	2 00
John Gage, cleaning clock, . . .	1 50
John F. Porter, table and chair, . . .	11 35
H. M. Bixby & Co., supplies, . . .	3 00
George B. Flint, labor on school-houses, . . .	21 70
Sophia Rier, cleaning school-rooms, . . .	2 00
John Gage, repairs, . . .	4 00
Mrs. W. Q. Richardson, cleaning school-room, . . .	2 00
Farnham Stiles, repairs, and use of well, . . .	4 00
Harley M. Tyler, clock key, . . .	25

J. P. Langmaid & Sons, lumber and shingles,	121 76
Boston & Maine Railroad, transportation, .	4 25
Willis W. Esty, labor,	56 00
J. B. Thomas & Co., lumber and wood, . . .	38 17
Augustus Shepard, repairs and cleaning school- house,	3 75
M. E. Tyler, school supplies,	21 77
M. E. Tyler, nails and lumber,	11 18
Frank Leach, setting glass,	3 00
George A. Collins, clock,	6 00
J. J. Grothe, use of well two years,	20 00
J. J. Grothe, repairs,	45
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies,	6 67
Frank A. Witham, removing snow,	1 50
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	\$378 60

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Catharine A. Berry, supplies,	\$1 20
American Book Co., books,	127 27
Silver, Burdett & Co., supplies,	51 94
J. L. Hammett, supplies,	98 79
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, books,	5 83
J. P. Lippincott & Co., books,	15 10
William Ware & Co., books,	20 88
Boston Supply Co., supplies,	27 96
Warren P. Adams, supplies,	92
Thompson, Brown & Co., books,	3 75
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	\$353 64
Appropriation,	\$200 00
Overdrawn,	153 64
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	\$353 64

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' DEPARTMENT.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR WHEELOCK ESTATE.

J. A. Hutchinson, labor and team,	\$64 00
S. M. Peabody, " " "	38 95
W. T. Martin, " " "	12 75
Melvin Richardson, " " "	22 50
Daniel Fuller, " " "	9 30
John Fuller, " " "	6 60
George A. Currier, gravel,	2 84
" " " hauling stone,	25
Allen Bryer, labor,	5 25
John Barnaby, "	23 41
Samuel Peabody, "	12 00
Benjamin W. Peabody, "	28 92
Burton McGlaufflin, "	2 68
W. W. Peabody, "	9 00
J. J. Grothe, "	5 00
L. Littlefield, use of stone buggy,	2 00
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	\$245 45
Amount of appropriation unexpended,	4 55
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	\$250 00

HIGHWAYS AND SIDEWALKS.

J. A. Hutchinson, labor and team,	\$298 25
S. M. Peabody, " " "	263 00
W. T. Martin, " " "	124 05
Melvin Richardson, " " "	93 50
L. H. Wilkins, " " "	41 60
Otis Rennerd, " " "	5 70
John Higgins, " " "	20 70

A. D. Bryer,	labor and team,	79	30
Samuel Peabody,	" " "	49	50
John Barnaby,	" " "	141	75
Benjamin W. Peabody,	" " "	70	13
William Hayward,	" " "	8	25
M. E. Tyler, team,	.	1	50
John B. Sanford, labor,	.	9	75
Benjamin Metcalf,	"	1	50
Burton McGlauffin,	"	2	58
Frank L. Wilkins, posts,	.	6	33
A. A. Wilkins, labor,	.	27	00
W. W. Peabody,	"	97	87
Charles Cross,	"	1	50
James Kelley,	"	5	25
J. J. Grothe, repairing machine and tools,	.	10	90
J. W. Davis, labor,	.	7	00
J. W. Russell, gravel,	.	70	
George A. Currier,	"	19	50
Mrs. E. Fletcher,	"	2	15
Charles Mason, labor,	.	30	
William Berry, gravel,	.	5	60
Daniel G. Berry, labor and team,	.	11	25
Dean Perley, repairs on machine knife,	.	50	
H. Jones, teaming plank,	.	1	25
Cash paid for freight on pipe,	.	1	25
George B. Flint, labor,	.	3	50
S. Flint,	"	31	50
Michael Drew,	"	16	13
Joshua Zwicker,	"	16	13
Charles Drew,	"	11	25
E. Wheelock, 1400 bricks,	.	7	00
James Moses, labor,	.	3	00
S. Flint, horse and cart,	.	12	50
S. Flint, cask of lime,	.	1	25

John W. Peabody, gravel,	2 20
John Putney, “	27 80
George Currier, “	2 60
Samuel M. Peabody, “	1 00
C. S. Perkins, drain pipe,	48 20
Moynahan & Colby, printing blanks,	4 00
G. W. Tibbetts, plate and bolts,	9 00
Cash paid for express,	1 35
Mrs. Susan Beverly (storing machine),	2 00
S. E. McGlauffin, labor on sidewalks,	7 00
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	\$1,616 82
Amount of appropriation,	1,600 00
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Amount overdrawn,	\$16 82

BRIDGES.

George Mcquesten & Co., lumber,	\$253 38
Pope Bros., lumber,	61 20
Boston & Maine R. R. Co., freight,	28 97
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies,	7 18
M. J. Emmerson, labor,	11 25
“ “ “ bolts and plates,	5 11
“ “ “ express,	15
J. A. Hutchinson, labor and team,	21 25
Samuel M. Peabody, “ “ “	20 50
J. A. Curtis, labor,	14 20
J. H. Fletcher, “	5 50
E. W. Wilkins, “	5 25
George Margeson, “	1 50
J. B. Thomas & Co., teaming,	7 50
Dean Perley, bolts,	90
Mrs. E. Fletcher, gravel,	1 30
W. W. Peabody, labor,	8 00

J. A. Curtis, posts,	. . . . .	1 00
A. A. Wilkins, labor,	. . . . .	75
Allen Bryer, “	. . . . .	9 00
John Barnaby, “	. . . . .	9 00
B. W. Peabody, “	9 00
W. T. Martin, team and labor,	8 25
George Flint, labor,	7 00
“ “ cement,	1 25
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		\$498 39
Amount of appropriation,	200 00
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Amount overdrawn,	\$298 39

SNOW BILLS.

J. A. Hutchinson,	\$11 60
W. T. Martin,	22 00
E. Stimson Hutchinson,	5 00
M. E. Tyler,	. . . . .	4 00
Benjamin Metcalf,	. . . . .	1 40
Lyman S. Wilkins,	. . . . .	2 60
J. H. Fletcher,	. . . . .	1 60
S. M. Peabody,	. . . . .	3 00
J. B. Thomas & Co.,	. . . . .	10 50
Samuel L. Peabody,	. . . . .	90
Frank A. Witham,	. . . . .	3 40
Fred A. Flint,	. . . . .	1 30
C. H. Hayward,	. . . . .	5 50
Porter I. Gould,	. . . . .	1 20
Sylvanus Flint, bill of '91 and '92,	. . . . .	5 00
Samuel M. Peabody, bill of '92,	. . . . .	1 50
E. A. Wilkins, “ “ “	. . . . .	40
E. S. Hutchinson, “ “ “	1 20

W. T. Martin,	bill of '92	.	.	5 85
Benj. T. McGlauffin,	" " "	.	.	1 00
Solomon W. Weston,	" " "	.	.	3 00
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				\$91 95

POOR DEPARTMENT.

Town of Beverly, aid for Frank Wilkins and family,	\$223 01
Geo. P. Melcher, cutting wood for Andrew Gould,	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 50
Wm. Berry, wood for Andrew Gould,	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 00
H. E. Howe, " " " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	5 50
Lizzie Peabody, aid for Andrew Gould,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1 00
Town of Peabody, board and clothing Andrew Gould,	.	.	.	.	.	.	28 53
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies Andrew Gould,	.	.	.	.	.	.	32 38
John M. Peabody, services as undertaker for Andrew Gould,	.	.	.	.	.	.	34 00
Geo. P. Melcher, cutting wood for Mrs. S. Curry,	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 55
H. E. Howe, wood for Mrs. S. Curry,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 30
E. A. Stimpson, supplies for Mrs. S. Curry,	.	.	.	.	.	.	16 88
M. E. Tyler, " " " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	75
Danl. Fuller, house rent " " " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	14 00
City of Salem, aid for Henry Mansfield,	.	.	.	.	.	.	141 40
Susan Stewart, board for Elias Russell,	.	.	.	.	.	.	29 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Elias Russell,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 90
Geo. P. Melcher, board of Mrs. E. C. Brient,	.	.	.	.	.	.	8 75
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Wm. Moore,	.	.	.	.	.	.	4 00

B. T. McGlauffin, coal for Wm. Moore, . . .	6 50
Town of Georgetown, aid for David P. Hutchinson, 111	00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Mrs. F.	
Bowman,	4 50
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for John Pardon, . . .	4 00
J. M. Peabody, services as undertaker for Benj.	
Parker,	42 00
H. E. Howe, wood for tramp house,	1 14
J. H. Derrill, " " " "	2 25
J. B. Thomas & Co., wood for tramp house,	2 25
B. T. McGlauffin, coal " " " "	11 60
Dr. Shatswell, medical attendance for tramp,	3 00
C. P. Perkins, grate for stove in tramp house,	70
B. T. McGlauffin, car fare and care of sick tramp,	1 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for tramp house,	21 31
B. T. McGlauffin, care of 426 tramps,	42 60
A. W. Peabody, services as overseer of poor,	15 00
J. A. Hutchinson, services as overseer of poor,	15 00
" " " " car fare, horse hire and cash paid,	11 20
B. T. McGlauffin, " " " "	8 70
" " " " services as overseer of poor,	25 00
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Whole amount of Overseers orders drawn,	888 20
Unsettled bills of this year,	75 00
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	\$963 20
Due from No. Reading,	\$37 48
" " Newburyport on account of E.	
C. Brient,	8 75
Due from Lawrence on account of Wm.	
Moore,	10 50
Due from Brewster on account of T. Bow-	
man,	4 50
Due from Lynn on account of John	
Pardon,	4 00

Due on account of Benj. Parker, . . .	22 00	
Received on account of Benj. Parker, . . .	20 00	
“ from estate of Andrew Gould, . . .	32 64	
Due from estate of Andrew Gould, . . .	23 00	
Unsettled bills of 1891 paid, . . .	35 00	
Whole cost of supporting poor, . . .	765 33	
		<u>\$963 20</u>

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Samuel A. Fletcher, Treasurer,	\$25 00
Samuel A. Fletcher, Collector,	83 50
J. A. Batchelder, Selectman and Assessor,	63 50
J. Hovey Eaton, Selectman and Assessor,	65 00
Jesse W. Peabody, Selectman and Assessor,	65 00
Fred. E. Campbell, Constable,	15 00
Joseph A. Batchelder, Town Clerk,	8 00
J. A. Batchelder, recording births, marriages and deaths,	13 85
S. T. LeBaron, School Committee,	35 00
Maurice E. Tyler, School Committee,	35 00
B. T. McGlauflin, School Committee,	30 00
J. A. Batchelder, Registrar of Voters,	8 00
J. Hovey Eaton, Registrar of Voters,	8 00
Jesse W. Peabody, Registrar of Voters,	8 00
Daniel Weston, Auditor,	5 00
John M. Peabody, Superintendent of Burials,	10 00
Benjamin T. McGlauflin, Forest Fireward,	2 00
Farnham Stiles, Sealer of Weights and Measures,	5 00
B. T. McGlauflin, Moderator,	3 50
J. Hovey Eaton, perambulating town line,	2 00

Jesse W. Peabody, perambulating town line, . . .	2 00
Oscar Cram, special police officer, . . .	7 50
B. T. McGlauflin, special police, . . .	5 00
S. M. Peabody, Road Commissioner, . . .	10 00
J. A. Hutchinson, Road Commissioner, . . .	10 00
Sylvanus Flint, Road Commissioner, . . .	10 00
Oscar Cram, special police officer, . . .	1 50
J. A. Hutchinson, election officer, . . .	1 50
B. T. McGlauflin, election officer, . . .	1 50
S. T. LeBaron, election officer, . . .	1 50
S. A. Fletcher, election officer, . . .	1 50
John Foley, election officer, . . .	1 50
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	\$543 85

STATE AID ACCOUNT.

Catharine Danforth,	\$24 00
Sarah M. Matthews,	12 00
Hiram McGlauflin,	48 00
John W. Peabody,	67 50
J. Wallace Peabody,	3 00
Mary P. Rennerd,	36 00
Susan A. Stewart,	48 00
Henry Peabody,	2 00
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	\$240 50

MILITARY AID ACCOUNT.

Frank Atwood,	\$64 00
Patrick Gillispie,	144 00
Benjamin W. Peabody,	72 00
Benjamin W. Peabody, Jr.,	60 00
Isaiah B. Peabody,	184 00
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	\$524 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF ACCOUNT.

Drs. Allen and Eaton, Medical attendance on I. B. Peabody,	\$5 00
Town of Melrose, soldiers relief to W. F. Rus- sell and family,	193 75
Town of Beverly, soldiers relief to Sereno Ter- rio's family,	41 99
New England Telephone Co. messages to phy- sicians	50
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	\$241 24

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

EXPENSES.

Fred. E. Campbell, services as janitor, . . .	\$95 85
Fred. E. Campbell, cash paid for coal, . . .	18 97
Fred. E. Campbell, cash paid for oil, . . .	7 45
Fred. E. Campbell, cash paid for wood, . . .	2 25
Fred. E. Campbell, cash paid for repairs and supplies,	8 40
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Total,	\$132 92
Balance in favor of the Town,	7 33
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	\$140 25

RECEIPTS.

I. O. of Red Men,	\$71 75
First Congregational Society,	21 50
Essex Lodge, Order of Ægis,	5 00
Equitable Aid Union,	2 00
Lectures, Entertainments, Etc.,	40 00
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	\$140 25
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MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation,	\$100 00
Amount drawn by Committee,	\$98 10
Undrawn,	1 90
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	\$100 00
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CEMETERY.

John M. Peabody, removing snow,	\$9 25
John M. Peabody, stakes,	2 50
John M. Peabody, plants,	4 50
John M. Peabody, assisting surveyor,	6 75
John M. Peabody, labor,	134 75
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	\$157 75
Appropriation,	\$150 00
Overdrawn,	7 75
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	\$157 75
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ABATEMENTS.

John P. Fuller, abatement of tax,	\$1 24
Caroline A. Fletcher, abatement of tax,	1 38
Jesse W. Peabody, Collector on list of 1888,	8 00
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	\$10 62

MISCELLANEOUS.

Danvers Water Board, use of water,	\$12 00
John M. Peabody, repairs on bier,	75
John M. Peabody, sail cloth,	13 00
Newcomb & Gauss, printing town report,	31 75
J. M. Peabody, undertaker's supplies,	18 14

B. T. McGlauflin, use of team,	1 00
H. P. Ives, record book,	90
F. P. Merriam, storage of hose carriage, .	5 00
N. A. Horton & Son, printing voting lists, .	9 88
Rebecca Currier, land damage on Central street,	4 16
Andrew Nichols, survey and plan of cemetery, .	30 00
W. T. Butler, repairing ballot box, . . .	1 20
N. A. Horton & Son, printing order books, .	8 50
A. K. Currier, land damage on Central street,	4 17
E. L. Perley, repairing record books, . . .	14 25
F. L. Evans, services in J. O. Guilford case, .	100 00
J. A. Hutchinson, " " " " " " .	7 62
A. W. Peabody, " " " " " " .	7 62
B. T. McGlauflin, " " " " " " .	12 61
J. A. Batchelder, attending court, . . .	3 00
F. L. Evans, legal advice and services, . . .	45 58
F. E. Campbell, fees and expenses in W. A. Wil-	
kins case,	13 44
F. E. Campbell, fees and expenses in Currier and	
Bresnehan case,	6 94
F. E. Campbell, fees and expen's in J. Bresnehan case,	6 31
" " " " " " " W. Nelson case,	3 42
" " " " " " " Wedgwood case,	7 09
F. A. Witham, labor on snow plough, . . .	6 00
Dr. J. A. Shatswell, returning births, . . .	3 25
J. M. Peabody, burial of A. H. Shelden, . . .	35 00
S. T. LeBaron, journeys out of town, . . .	2 00
B. T. McGlauflin, journey to Peabody, . . .	1 75
M. E. Tyler, taking school census, . . .	3 00
M. E. Tyler, use of team for constable, . . .	1 50
M. E. Tyler, supplies for street lamp, . . .	3 36
J. M. Peabody, returning deaths, . . .	6 50
J. M. Peabody, care of street lamp, . . .	12 00
F. E. Campbell, messages and team, . . .	5 75

F. E. Campbell, enforcing liquor law, . . .	3 40
F. E. Campbell, police badge,	1 00
B. T. McGlauffin, compensation of firemen, .	33 00
J. H. Eaton, journeys out of town,	7 83
Jesse W. Peabody, journeys out of town, . .	6 72
J. A. Batchelder, paid for recording deed, .	1 00
J. A. Batchelder, car fare and postage, . . .	2 85
J. A. Batchelder, stationery and expressage, .	4 80
J. A. Batchelder, journeys to Salem and Danvers,	3 00
Henry Newhall & Co., paint,	2 23
Dr. H. F. Batchelder, returning birth, . . .	25
Samuel A. Fletcher, discount on taxes of 1891,	287 30
Samuel A. Fletcher, postage and stationery, .	1 30
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	\$803 12

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Schools,	\$1,954 28
Incidental school expenses,	378 60
School books and supplies,	353 64
Highway department,	2,360 66
Removing snow,	91 95
Poor Department,	888 20
Town Officers,	543 85
State Aid,	240 50
Military Aid,	524 00
Soldiers' Relief,	241 24
Town Hall account,	132 92
Memorial Day,	98 10
Cemetery,	157 75
Abatements,	10 62
Miscellaneous,	803 12
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	\$8,779 43

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State Tax,	\$405 00
Paid County Tax,	566 55
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	\$971 55

JESSE W. PEABODY, TAX COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH
THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON.

DR.

Balance of tax list of 1888 as per last year's report, \$21 45

CR.

Amount paid Treasurer on tax list of 1888, . \$21 45

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TAX COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT
WITH THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON.

DR.

Balance of tax list of 1889 as per last year's report, \$809 77

Interest collected, 53 82

\$863 59

CR.

Amount paid Treas. on tax list 1889, \$604 71

Uncollected, " " " 258 88

\$863 59

DR.

Balance of tax list of 1890 as per last year's re-
port, \$1,855 64

Interest collected, 28 08

\$1,883 72

CR.

Amount paid Treas. on tax list of 1890, \$739 43

Uncollected on tax list of 1890, . 1,144 29

\$1,883 72

DR.

Tax list of 1891,	\$8,350 03
Interest collected,	81
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	\$8,350 84

CR.

Amount paid Treas. on tax list of 1891, \$6,450 92	
Uncollected on tax list of 1891, . 1,899 92	
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	\$8,350 84

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH
THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON, FOR YEAR ENDING
FEBRUARY 23, 1892.

DR.

To balance of last year's account, . . .	\$1,157 49
“ cash of Town of Dracut, pauper account, . . .	9 00
“ cash of City of Lynn, pauper account, . . .	4 00
“ cash of State Treasurer, corporation tax, . . .	20 62
“ cash of State Treasurer, on town note, . . .	2,000 00
“ cash of State Treasurer, bank tax, . . .	114 78
“ cash of State Treasurer, military aid, . . .	248 61
“ cash of State Treasurer, state aid, . . .	215 00
“ cash of County Treasurer, dog tax, . . .	83 56
“ cash of State Treasurer, school fund, . . .	256 36
“ cash of Ruth Dennett, cemetery lot, . . .	7 00
“ cash of L. W. Bean and A. L. Lockwood, cemetery lot,	10 00
“ cash of Rebecca Shelden, cemetery lot, . . .	8 00
“ cash of Caspar Batchelder, cemetery lot, . . .	5 00
“ cash of Arthur M. Peabody, peddler's license, . . .	3 00
“ cash of Heirs of Benjamin Parker, pauper account,	20 00
“ cash of B. T. and S. E. McGlauffin, plank, . . .	7 00

To cash of estate of Andrew E. Gould, . . .	32 64
“ cash of Fred. E. Campbell, use of Town Hall, . . .	140 25
“ cash of Flint Book Fund, on note, . . .	81 78
“ cash of J. W. Peabody, on tax list of 1888, . . .	21 45
“ cash of S. A. Fletcher, on tax list of 1889, . . .	604 71
“ cash of S. A. Fletcher, on tax list of 1890, . . .	739 43
“ cash of S. A. Fletcher, on tax list of 1891, . . .	6,450 92
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	\$12,240 60

CR.

By cash paid Flint Book Fund, interest on note, . . .	\$175 00
“ “ “ State Treasurer, interest on note, . . .	32 48
“ “ “ B. F. Emerson Fund, interest on note,	40 00
“ “ “ Flint Book Fund, interest on note, . . .	\$75 00
“ “ “ State Treasurer, note,	2,000 00
“ “ “ County Treasurer, county tax,	566 55
“ “ “ State Treasurer, state tax,	405 00
“ “ “ interest on notes,	105 00
“ “ “ on Selectmen’s orders,	7,891 23
“ “ “ on Overseer’s orders,	888 20
Balance in treasury,	62 14
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	\$12,240 60

S. A. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

AUDITOR’S REPORT.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them to be correct, and the vouchers in proper form.

DANIEL WESTON,

MIDDLETON, Feb. 24, 1892.

Auditor.

ASSESSORS' VALUATION OF PROPERTY.

Real Estate,	\$477,310 00
Personal Estate,	89,358 50
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	\$566,668 50

Number of polls, 265.

Rate of taxation \$13.80 per \$1,000.

Tax on Polls,	\$530 00
Tax on Real Estate,	6,586 88
Tax on Personal Estate,	1,233 15
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	\$8,350 03

Amount voted for current expenses,	\$2,000 00
“ “ “ schools,	1,600 00
“ “ “ school books,	200 00
“ “ “ incidental schools,	175 00
“ “ “ highways,	1,300 00
“ “ “ bridges,	200 00
“ “ “ sidewalks,	300 00
“ “ “ cemetery,	150 00
“ “ “ undertaker's supplies,	50 00
“ “ “ plan of cemetery,	50 00
“ “ “ extra appropriations on highways,	250 00
“ “ “ enforcement of liquor law,	50 00
“ “ “ Memorial Day,	100 00
“ “ “ repairing Centre school-house,	200 00
“ “ “ Library lot,	600 00
State Tax,	405 00
County Tax,	566 55
Overlay on Tax,	153 48
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	\$8,350 03

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Library Building and land,	\$14,000 00
Flint Public Library,	3,000 00
Town Hall,	5,000 00
School-houses,	8,000 00
Lock-up,	500 00
Cemetery,	1,300 00
Hearse and hearse-house,	800 00
Fire apparatus,	700 00
Gravel pit,	50 00
B. F. Emerson Fund,	10,000 00
C. L. Flint Book Fund,	5,000 00
Road Machine,	250 00
School books in use,	250 00
Safe,	200 00
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	\$49,050 00

The Selectmen respectfully submit the following estimate of the sums necessary to be raised by taxation, to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year, in addition to the annual appropriation of \$600.00 voted for the Library lot :

Current Expenses,	\$2,200 00
Schools,	1,400 00
School Books and Supplies,	200 00
Incidental School Expenses,	175 00
Highways,	1,000 00
Sidewalks,	100 00
Cemetery,	100 00
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	\$5,175 00

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of town notes on interest at 5 per cent.,	\$6,381 78
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 4 “ “	2,000 00
Amount due the schools,	511 81
Amount of unsettled bills (estimated), . . .	130 00
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	\$9,023 59

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per Treasurer's account,	\$62 14
Due from State on account of State Aid, .	259 50
Due from State on account of Military Aid, .	585 00
Due from State for burial of a soldier, . . .	35 00
School books on hand,	85 00
Due from North Reading,	37 48
Due from Newburyport,	8 75
Due from Lawrence,	10 50
Due from Brewster,	4 50
Due from Lynn,	4 00
Due from North Reading,	22 00
Due from Estate of Andrew E. Gould, . . .	23 00
Amount of uncollected taxes, 1889, . . .	258 88
“ “ “ “ 1890, . . .	1,144 29
“ “ “ “ 1891, . . .	1,899 92
Balance against the town,	4,583 63
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	\$9,023 59

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	}	Selectmen of Middleton.
J. HOVEY EATON,		
JESSE W. PEABODY,		

MIDDLETON, Feb. 23, 1892.

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

The number of books in this Library has been increasing yearly, and the room in the Town Hall which seemed ample when first occupied, became so crowded, that there was positively no room for further additions, so when there was a prospect of more commodious quarters, it was contemplated with a sense of relief; nevertheless it was no enviable task that devolved on the Trustees of the Library when \$10,000 — which had been bequeathed to them in trust, by the will of the late Hon. Charles L. Flint, for the purpose of erecting a permanent building for the use of Flint Public Library — were placed in their hands; they knew that if it were possible to carry every detail of arrangement and workmanship to perfection itself, it were a marvel indeed if a building could be erected with which no one could find any fault.

Many of the plans which were submitted were highly satisfactory, but the estimated cost exceeded the sum in hand. At length a plan was obtained which was represented as within our means, and then there was further delay, in order that estimates might be brought in by contractors.

By vote of the town, the estate formerly owned by the late Ephraim Fuller was purchased at a cost of \$3500. The buildings thereon were sold for \$174.00, which being added to the amount appropriated by the town for grading the grounds made \$674.00, nearly all of which has been expended for that purpose.

The Library building was completed at a cost of \$9,980. The exterior is of brick and the interior finish is of cypress. There is a book-room with a capacity of thirty-five thousand volumes — including the gallery. There is a

large reading-room, having a fine memorial window, which was presented by Mr. Joseph N. Smith, in memory of his wife, Caroline (Fuller) Smith. It is indeed a work of art which is much enjoyed.

A clock was placed in the tower through the generosity of Mr. George Fuller, and is highly appreciated.

We should ever bear in grateful remembrance the name of B. F. Emerson, whose youthful days were spent in our town, and who, as he was bidding adieu to earthly scenes remembered our Library, and left for our use, means which have enabled us to furnish the interior of our new Library building.

Dedicatory exercises were held Nov. 11, 1891, and the Library was open the following Saturday for the delivery of books, about two hundred volumes having been recently added.

At a meeting of the Trustees it was voted to have the Library open Tuesday evenings, in addition to Saturday afternoons and evenings.

Many periodicals have been placed on the table in the reading-room, some through the generosity of friends, and the following have been subscribed for : "Scribner's Magazine," "Century," "Harper's Weekly," "Life," "Public Opinion" and "Boston Weekly Journal."

We trust that the inhabitants of this town will avail themselves of the privilege of reading the books and periodicals so freely provided, and thus carry out the idea of our benefactor, who himself so faithfully improved every opportunity to store his mind, and was honored and respected for his literary attainments.

We are pleased to observe that many of our young people are interesting themselves in instructive books and

useful subjects, thus acquiring knowledge which will prove of value to them in after life.

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	}	Trustees of Flint Public Library.
WILLIAM M. PEABODY,		
ANSEL P. TYLER,		
SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,		
JAMES FLINT,		
JESSE W. PEABODY,		

MIDDLETON, Feb. 24, 1892.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Books in Library, Feb. 1, 1891,	3,672
“ purchased of Estes & Lauriat,	172
“ presented by Dr. Andrew P. Peabody,	8
“ “ “ Mr. Farnham Stiles,	8
“ “ “ Mrs. Farnham Stiles,	2
“ “ “ Mrs. S. A. Stewart,	5
“ “ “ Estate of John Guy Vassar,	1
“ “ “ Bell St. Chapel, Prov., R. I.,	1
“ “ “ Frederic A. Tupper,	1
“ “ “ Rev. W. E. Griffis,	1
“ “ “ Walter Baker,	1
“ “ “ W. S. Nevins,	1
“ “ “ State Sec’y Mass.,	5
“ “ “ Hartford, Conn., Ins. Co.,	1
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Books in Library, Feb. 1, 1892,	3879
Pamphlets received 1891.	
U. S. Bureau of Education,	1
U. S. Agricultural Department,	3
University of Penn.,	1
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Whole number of books taken from the Library from Feb. 1, 1891 to Feb. 1, 1892, 4,456.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Librarian.

MIDDLETON, Feb. 1, 1892.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER IN ACCOUNT WITH FLINT
PUBLIC LIBRARY.

CR.

To services as Librarian and Janitor, . . .	\$80 00
“ preparing catalogue,	6 25
“ printing “ cash paid J. H. Choate, . . .	18 50
“ removing books to new library,	8 00
“ cash paid H. A. Brooks for rebinding books, . . .	7 90
“ “ “ for paper for covering books, . . .	1 72
“ “ “ “ 4 gallons kerosene,	44
“ “ “ “ stationery,	25
“ “ “ “ insurance on library building, . . .	141 00
“ “ “ “ reseating chair,	65
“ “ “ “ postage,	94
“ “ “ “ 4½ tons coal,	26 25
“ “ “ “ step ladder,	2 25
“ “ “ “ wire mat,	5 00
“ “ “ “ expressage,	3 05
“ “ “ “ shovel, dust pan, coal hod and sieve, . . .	2 14
“ “ “ “ horse hire,	75
“ “ “ “ freight bills,	4 38
“ “ “ “ car fare,	2 08
“ “ “ “ lantern,	50
“ “ “ “ rent of deposit vault,	10 00

To cash paid for freight on chairs, . . .	1 87
“ “ “ “ expressage,	1 20
“ “ “ “ McCrillis & Co., collation, . .	45 00
“ “ “ “ Barry & Lufkin, programmes, .	6 50
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	\$376 62

DR.

To cash for fines, catalogues, and cards, . .	\$10 47
“ “ from B. F. Emerson fund,	366 15
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	\$376 62

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

B. F. EMERSON FUND.

The trustees of the B. F. Emerson Fund respectfully submit the following as their fourth annual report.

Amount of Fund, \$10,025 36

Invested as follows :

Atchison income bonds,	2,387 11
“ 4 per cent. bonds,	2,948 25
New York and New England bonds, . . .	2,290 00
Town of Middleton note,	800 00
Andover savings bank,	1,000 00
Danvers “ “	600 00
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	\$10,025 36

Income account :

Balance from last year,	\$439 79
Received interest from bonds,	351 50
“ “ “ town note,	40 00
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	\$831 29

Cash paid S. A. Fletcher, Town Treasurer, .	817 60
Balance on hand,	13 69
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	\$831 29

A. P. TYLER,	} Trustees.
S. A. FLETCHER,	
M. J. EMERSON,	
M. E. TYLER,	
F. P. MERRIAM.	

FLINT BUILDING FUND.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER IN ACCOUNT WITH FLINT
PUBLIC LIBRARY.

DR.

Balance unexpended per last report, \$5,931 63
Interest received at bank on b'd fund, 280 12
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\$6,211 75

CR.

To cash paid Smith & Maney, contractors, .	\$5,205 00
“ “ “ Loring & Phipps, architects, .	225 00
“ “ “ John A. Putnam, auctioneer, 1890, .	5 00
“ “ “ Geo. A. Currier for gravel, . .	6 30
“ “ “ Loren M. Littlefield for concreting walks,	55 00
“ “ paid Thomas Carlin for labor, . .	67 50
“ “ “ Loren G. Esty “ “ . .	19 25
“ “ “ Allen D. Bryer “ “ . .	63 00
“ “ “ Jesse W. Daniels “ . .	25 58
“ “ “ John Barnaby for “ . .	7 50
“ “ “ Fred S. Flint “ “ . .	16 25

To cash paid	D. Donovan	for labor	.	.	12	00
"	"	Otis H. Rennerd	"	"	with team,	87 60
"	"	S. W. Weston	"	"	"	2 00
"	"	H. A. Wilkins & Sons,	grass seed,			3 70
"	"	J. J. Grothe,	sharpening picks, &c.,			2 60
"	"	Jewett & Blanchard,	mason work,			5 80
"	"	J. E. Ropes & Co.,	furnace, .			209 60
"	"	Town of Danvers,	piping and labor,			8 50
"	"	for freight,	.	.	.	25
"	"	Augustus Shepard,	cleaning win-			
		dows, &c., &c.,	.	.	.	15 00
"	"	paid Maurice E. Tyler,	teaming, .			9 50
"	"	Jesse W. Peabody,	use of horse			
		and cart,	.	.	.	2 75
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						\$6,054 68
Balance unexpended,		157 07
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						\$6,211 75

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

MIDDLETON, Feb. 23, 1892.

FURNITURE AND FIXTURES ACCOUNT.

EXPENSES.

Paid to T. F. McCann, tablet,	. . .	\$65 00
“ “ Harrison, Beard & Co., tables,	. . .	56 00
“ “ Walworth Manufacturing Co., gas machine,		225 38
“ “ E. F. Pierce & Co., chairs,	. . .	53 25
“ “ W. A. Snow & Co., hitch posts,	. . .	9 00
“ “ McKenney & Waterbury, gas pipings,	. . .	83 82
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		\$492 45

RECEIPTS.

Received from B. F. Emerson Fund, . . .	\$451 45
Amount contributed by trustees, architect and contractors for tablet,	41 00
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	\$492 45

FLINT BOOK FUND.

Amount received from executors of C. L. Flint, \$5,000 00

Invested, as follows :

Notes against Town of Middleton, \$5,000 00

Income acct.

DR.

Special income, \$40 91

Interest rec'd from Town, 250 00

\$290 91

CR.

To cash expended for new books, \$186 21

“ “ “ “ books replaced, 5 37

“ “ “ “ Periodicals for Reading Room, 17 55

Balance on hand, 81 78

\$290 91

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,

MIDDLETON, Feb. 23, 1892. Town Treasurer.

The following list of persons qualified for Jurors, prepared and posted by the Selectmen, will be submitted to the town at the annual town meeting for revision and acceptance :

ALFRED A. AVERILL,
ALLEN D. BRYER,
L. NELSON BROWN,
SAMUEL G. CAMPBELL,
WILLIS W. ESTEY,
FRANK L. ESTEY,
SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,

ASA HOWE,
HENRY E. HOWE,
BENJ. T. MCGLAUFLIN,
ELI E. RICHARDSON,
GUSTAVUS H. TUFTS,
LEVERETT H. WILKINS,
L. FRANK WILKINS.

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

To Fred. E. Campbell, Constable of the Town of Middleton, in the County of Essex.

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on MONDAY, the seventh day of March, next, at *nine o'clock in the forenoon*, then and there to act on the following articles :

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To vote on the question : Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town ? The vote will be by a separate ballot, and the ballot shall be "yes" or "no" in answer to said question.

ART. 5. To see how much money the town will raise to defray town charges the ensuing year, and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

ART. 6. To see what action the town will take in relation to discount and interest on taxes.

ART. 7. To act on the list of Jurors prepared and posted by the selectmen.

ART. 8. To see what action the town will take in regard to letting the Town Hall.

ART. 9. To see what action the town will take in regard to the enforcement of the laws against the sale of intoxicating liquors.

ART. 10. To see what action the town will take concerning the cemetery.

ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to set apart a suitable lot of land in the cemetery, to be used as a site for a soldiers' monument.

ART. 12. To see what regulations the town will make in regard to fishing in Middleton Pond.

ART. 13. To see what action the town will take for the prevention of fires, and in respect to the compensation of firemen.

ART. 14. To see what measures the town will adopt for the removal of snow from the sidewalks.

ART. 15. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, under the direction of the selectmen, to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to meet current expenses, in anticipation of taxes of the present year, and payable therefrom.

ART. 16. To see how much money the town will raise for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

ART. 17. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office, in said town, seven days at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February, A. D. 1892.

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	}	Selectmen of Middleton.
J. HOVEY EATON,		
JESSE W. PEABODY,		

ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF MIDDLETON,

FOR

THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY, 1893.

SALEM, MASS:
PRESS OF THE SALEM GAZETTE,
1893.

TOWN REPORT.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

Clara E. Bryer, teaching Grammar School,	\$217.80	
S. Abbie Stooner, " " School,	165.00	
Annie C. Smith, " Intermediate "	294.00	
Annie J. How, " Primary "	200.00	
Nellie C. How, " " "	210.00	
Augustus Shepard, services as Janitor,	74.75	
B. T. McGlauflin, wood and coal,	43.13	
C. J. Sampson, sawing wood,	3.00	
	<hr/>	1,207.68

NORTH SCHOOLS.

Catherine A. Berry, Teacher,	\$264.00	
Harry Spencer, care of school room,	11.00	
Chester Thomas, " " "	3.00	
Farnham Stiles, wood for " "	13.12	
W. W. Richardson, sawing wood,	3.19	
B. T. McGlauflin, wood for school,	9.60	
	<hr/>	\$ 303.91

EAST SCHOOL.

Lizzie E. Peabody, Teaching,	\$ 40.00	
Annie P. Day, "	270.00	
Grace E. Metcalf, as Janitor,	15.00	
B. T. McGlauflin, coal,	13.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 338.50
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		1,850.09
Balance due the Schools		647.59
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		\$2,497.68

Balance due the Schools last year,	\$	511.81	
Town Appropriation for Schools,		1,600.00	
State School Fund,		312.20	
Amount received from dog licenses,		73.67	
		<hr/>	\$2,497.68

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Amount of appropriation			\$175.00
Farnham Stiles, use of well,		\$3.00	
Newcomb & Gauss, printing school re-			
ports,		16.25	
Farnham Stiles, repairs on school house,		1.00	
Mrs. Lucy Gould, cleaning school room,		3.00	
John F. Higgins, repairs on north school			
house,		2.25	
John Gage, repairs on clock,		1.50	
John F. Higgins, furnishing flag staff for			
centre school house,		7.00	
John F. Higgins, putting flag staff on east			
school house,		1.75	
Sarah P. Johnson, cleaning east school			
house,		3.00	
Augustus Shepard, setting glass,		1.08	
J. J. Grothe, use of well,		10.00	
J. J. Grothe, repairs,		.55	
J. J. Grothe, making 3 flag staff irons,		16.00	
George B. Flint, repairs on north school			
house,		2.00	
M. E. Tyler, cash paid for express and re-			
pairs,		12.55	
S. T. LeBaron, car fare and expense,		3.40	
		<hr/>	84.33
Unexpended appropriation,			90.67
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			\$175.00

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Catherine A Berry, supplies,	.55	
Educational Publishing Co.,	16.00	
Boston School Supply Co.,	7.20	
Warren P. Adams, school books,	10.00	
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn,	.77	
Lee & Shepard, supplies,	1.97	
George S. Perry, supplies,	25.97	
Thompson, Brown & Co., books,	14.58	
J. L. Hammett, supplies,	117.98	
E. B. Goodrich & Co.,	30.00	
American Book Co.,	75.62	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons,	4.53	
M. E. Tyler, supplies,	9.49	
J. L. Hammett, repairing black boards,	84.51	
	<hr/>	\$399.17
Appropriation,	200.00	
Overdrawn,	199.17	
	<hr/>	\$399.17

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S DEPARTMENT.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Sam'l M. Peabody, labor and team,	\$148.25
C. O. Berry, " " "	170.25
J. A. Hutchinson,	70.75
O. H. Rennard,	84.22
B. H. Crosman,	61.72
A. A. Wilkins, labor,	21.35
F. Long,	30.50
W. W. Peabody,	21.00
L. H. Wilkins,	12.00
W. H. Margeson,	4.50
J. H. Higgins,	1.90
Loren Goodwin,	.75
Mrs. E. Fletcher, gravel,	1.50
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AMOUNT CARRIED FORWARD,	\$628.29

AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD,	\$628.69
W. I. Gould,	1.00
George Currier,	.50
G. A. Currier,	13.45
J. W. Russell,	.65
John Barnaby,	53.25
A. D. Bryer,	66.00
Warren Thomas,	21.25
S. L. Peabody,	14.25
J. B. Putney,	26.92
D. W. Case,	10.50
S. D. Campbell,	21.00
Frank Curtis,	26.00
L. Curtis,	1.50
B. Daniels,	13.50
Oscar Cram,	28.50
Daniel Faulkner,	10.90
M. E. Tyler,	1.50
Thomas Carlin,	6.00
A. Nickerson,	3.00
J. W. Peabody, gravel,	2.55
W. Christopher,	.75
Susan A. Beverly, storing road machine,	2.00
Pope Bros., lumber,	4.06
Edith Kimball, land, 1889,	4.16
Austin Peabody,	1.00
Wm. Grothe, repairing tools,	8.55
G. W. Tibetts, plate and bolts,	8.00
H. A. Wilkins, oil,	.24
M. J. Emerson, plank,	6.00
Town of Danvers, repairing log bridge,	55.11
C. O. Berry, oil,	.12
	<hr/> \$1,040.90
Received from town of Danvers for one half of bill for repairing log bridge	27.56
	<hr/> \$1,013.34

AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD,	\$1,013.34
Amount of appropriation,	1,000.00
Overdrawn,	<u>\$ 13.34</u>

REMOVING SNOW.

J. B. Thomas, labor and teams,	\$21.25	
E. W. Wilkins,	2.50	
J. H. Fletcher,	2.40	
Edward Peabody,	2.20	
H. E. Howe,	2.00	
S. M. Peabody,	3.00	
S. Flint,	3.00	
J. A. Hutchinson,	33.60	
W. T. Martin,	11.15	
O. H. Rennard,	22.40	
S. G. Campbell,	2.00	
	<u> </u>	\$105.50

SIDEWALK ACCOUNT.

Appropriation,		100.00
Rec'd of L. G. Esty, hauling stone,		5.00
		<u> </u>
		\$105.00
Charles O. Berry,	18.50	
Samuel G. Campbell,	19.75	
Otis H. Rennerd,	29.25	
Warren Thomas,	13.50	
Jessie W. Daniels,	12.75	
Asa How, cedar posts,	4.95	
Pope Brothers, lumber,	6.31	
	<u> </u>	\$105.00

POOR DEPARTMENT.

A. P. Tyler & Co., shoes for Andrew	
Gould,	\$ 1.75
City of Salem, aid for Henry Mansfield,	176.05
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AMOUNT CARRIED FORWARD,	\$177.80

AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD,	\$177.80
Susan Stewart, board of Chas. Russell,	120.00
“ “ clothing for “ “	5.95
Chas. Dreyfus, “ “ “ “	10.00
W. S. Neal & Co., hat “ “ “	.45
Town of Georgetown, aid for David P. Hutchinson,	104.00
Town of Beverly, aid for Frank Wilkins,	380.82
Geo. P. Melcher, board of Mrs. E. I. Brient,	63.75
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Wm. Moore,	2.00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Phe- lix Maynard,	6.00
J. A. Shatswell, M. D., medical atten- dance for Edw. Faulkner,	1.00
Overseers of Poor, aid for Edw. Faulk- ner,	.60
Naumkeag Clothing Co., clothing for Jos. Chandler, <i>Gramp</i>	5.00
Dan'l Fuller, wood for Frank House,	2.25
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Frank House,	16.35
B. T. McGlauffin, coal and wood for Frank House,	13.51
B. T. McGlauffin, care of 352 tramps,	35.20
“ “ car fare to Newbury- port three times on account of Elizabeth King and Mrs. E. I. Brient,	5.64
B. T. McGlauffin, car fare to Beverly on account of Frank Wilkins,	.98
B. T. McGlauffin, car fare to Salem on account of Mary S. King,	1.16
H. E. Howe, car fare to Salem on ac- count of Edw. Faulkner,	.58
AMOUNT CARRIED FORWARD,	<u>\$953.04</u>

AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD,	\$953.04
H. E. Howe, services as Overseer of Poor,	2.50
A. W. Peabody, " " "	15.00
B. T. McGlauffin, " " "	25.00
Estate of J. A. Hutchinson, services as Overseer of Poor,	5.00
Estate of J. A. Hutchinson, and car fare and horse hire,	3.00
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Whole amount of Overseers orders drawn,	1,003.54
Unsettled bills of this year,	50.00
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	\$1,053.54
Due from Lawrence on account of Wm. Moore	2.00
Due from Newburyport, on account of Mrs. E. I. Brient,	63.75
Due from State on account of Joseph Chandler,	5.00
Due from State on account of Phelix Maynard,	6.00
Received from estate of Andrew Gould,	1.50
Unsettled bills of '96 paid,	75.00
Whole cost of supporting poor,	900.29
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	\$1,053.54

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Joseph A. Batchelder, Selectmen and Assessor,	\$35.00
Jesse W. Peabody, Selectmen & Assessor,	70.00
J. Hovey Eaton, " "	50.00
Samuel A. Fletcher, " "	35.00
William T. Martin, " "	20.00
Joseph A. Batchelder, Town Clerk,	3.00
Samuel A. Fletcher, " "	5.00
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AMOUNT CARRIED FORWARD, \$218.00

AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD,	\$218.00	
Joseph A. Batchelder, recording births, marriages and deaths,	2.00	
Samuel A. Fletcher, recording births, marriages and deaths,	11.35	
S. T. LeBaron, School Committee,	35.00	
Morrice E. Tyler, " "	35.00	
B. T. McGlauflin, " "	35.00	
J. Hovey Eaton, Registrar of Voters,	6.00	
Jesse W. Peabody, " "	10.00	
Samuel A. Fletcher, " "	10.00	
William T. Martin, " "	4.00	
Samuel A. Fletcher, treasurer,	25.00	
Jesse W. Peabody, collector,	73.73	
Daniel Weston, auditor,	5.00	
Oscar Cram, special police,	6.00	
Fred E. Campbell, constable,	25.00	
John M. Peabody, superintendent of burials,	10.00	
B. T. McGlauflin, moderator,	3.50	
B. T. McGlauflin, forest fire ward,	2.00	
A. P. Tyler, services as election officer,	3.00	
B. T. McGlauflin, " " "	3.00	
Jas. H. Curtis, " " "	3.00	
Loren G. Esty, " " "	3.00	
H. A. McGlauflin, " " "	3.00	
Farnham Stiles, sealer of weights and measures,	5.00	
Samuel M. Peabody, services as Road Commissioner,	10.00	
S. G. Campbell, services as Road Commissioner,	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$551.58

STATE AID ACCOUNT.

Catherine Danforth,	\$ 24.00	
Hiram McGlauffin,	48.00	
Frank Atwood,	40.00	
Annie J. Sheldon,	44.00	
Henry Peabody, 2d,	16.00	
Sarah M. Mathews,	48.00	
Susan A. Stuart,	48.00	
Mary P. Rennard,	36.00	
Lydia M. Peabody,	4.00	
	<hr/>	\$308.00

MILITARY AID ACCOUNT.

Isaiah B. Peabody,	\$ 120.56	
Patrick Gillispie,	24.00	
Benjamin W Peabody, Jr.,	15.00	
Benjamin W. Peabody,	12.00	
	<hr/>	\$171.56

One-half the amount paid for Military Aid is reimbursed to the town by the state.

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.**EXPENSES.**

Fred E. Campbell, services as Janitor,	\$103.90	
“ “ cash paid for coal,	27.00	
“ “ cash paid for oil,	8.00	
“ “ cash paid for wood,	2.81	
“ “ cash paid for sup- plies and repairs,	12.42	
Fred E. Campbell, cash paid for lamp for Selectmen's room,	4.50	
	<hr/>	\$158.63

RECEIPTS.

I. O. Red Men,	\$ 53.25	
First Congregational Society,	13.75	
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AMOUNT CARRIED FORWARD,	\$ 87.00	

AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD,	\$ 87.00	
Equitable Aid Union,	1.50	
Entertainments, dances, &c.,	73.25	
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Balance against the town,		16.88
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		\$158.63

SOLDIERS' RELIEF ACCOUNT.

Town of Melrose, relief to W. F. Russell and family,	\$156.00	
Mrs. Harmon T. Sheldon, board of Hugh Cook,	7.00	
Jesse W. Peabody, journey to Chelsea and car fare with Hugh Cook,	3.12	
M. E. Tyler, transportation of Isaiah B. Peabody to Peabody,	2.00	
M. E. Tyler, team for Charles Peabody in connection with transportation I. B. Peabody,	.75	
	<hr/>	\$168.87

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation,		\$100.00
Amount drawn by Committee,	95.29	
Amount undrawn,	4.71	
	<hr/>	\$100.00

CEMETERY.

Amount of Appropriation,		\$150.00
John M. Peabody, labor, gravel and dipper,	34.90	
John M. Peabody, labor,	10.50	
“ “ “	46.50	
“ “ plants for cemetery,	3.00	
“ “ labor in “	12.00	
“ removing snow, “	2.00	
	<hr/>	108.90
Amount of Appropriation undrawn,		41.10
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		\$150.00

ABATEMENTS.

Samuel A. Fletcher, Collector on list of 1889,	\$58.28	
Samuel A. Fletcher, Collector on list of 1890,	37.71	
Samuel A. Fletcher, abatement on tax of Thomas Cushing, 1891,	8.28	
Samuel A. Fletcher, abatement on A. H. Phelps and others,	1.24	
	<hr/>	\$105.51

MISCELLANEOUS.

Danvers Water Board, use of water at the Town Hall and cemetery,	\$12.00	
B. T. McGlauffin, cash paid for forest fire,	11.30	
Newcomb & Gauss, printing town reports,	37.40	
J. Hovey Eaton, cash paid for book,	1.00	
Moynehan & Colby, printing Asssors, notices and town warrant,	9.00	
J. B. Peabody, Jr., repairs on pound,	1.05	
John M. Peabody, " street lamp,	.75	
" " " " water pipe,	.50	
Fred E. Campbell, court expenses in case of Reuben Riley,	9.60	
Fred E. Campbell, court expenses in case of John Parton,	7.34	
Fred E. Campbell, court expenses in case of Charles Knights,	6.89	
F. P. Merriam, storage of hose carriage,	5.00	
Dr. J. A. Shatswell, returning births,	3.00	
B. T. McGlauffin, use of team at fire at Portable mill,	1.25	
A. P. Tyler, administering oaths,	2.00	
M. E. Tyler, supplies for street lamp,	4.95	
M. E. Tyler, team for use of constable,	1.50	
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AMOUNT CARRIED FORWARD,	\$114.53	

AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD,	\$114.53	
M. E. Tyler, taking school census,	3.00	
M. E. Tyler, use of teams at fire of Portable mill,	3.50	
H. A. Wilkins, stationery,	1.27	
H. A. Wilkins, supplies for street lamp,	2.20	
J. Hovey Eaton, journeys out of town,	7.00	
B. T. McGlauffin, compensation to firemen,	36.00	
Jesse W. Peabody, discount on taxes,	225.55	
Jesse W. Peabody, journeys out of town, car fare,	8.35	
John M. Peabody, returning deaths,	4.25	
John M. Peabody, care of street lamps and repairs,	13.00	
Fred E. Campbell, court expense, care of Edward Ross,	4.91	
J. A. Batchelder, book postage and express,	5.02	
P. J. McCusker, services in Riley case,	10.00	
Fred E. Campbell, cash paid for team, car fare and telegraph,	5.75	
Samuel A. Fletcher, cash paid for postage and express,	2.30	
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		\$446.63

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Schools,	\$1,850.09	
Incidental school expenses,	84.33	
School books and supplies,	399.17	
Highway department,	1,013.34	
Sidewalks,	105.01	
Removing snow,	105.50	
Poor department,	1,003.54	
Town officers,	551.58	
State aid,	308.00	
Military aid,	171.56	
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AMOUNT CARRIED FORWARD,	\$5592.12	

AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD,	\$5592.12	
Soldiers' relief,	168.87	
Town hall account,	158.63	
Memorial day,	95.29	
Cemetery,	108.90	
Abatements,	105.51	
Miscellaneous,	446.63	
	<hr/>	\$6,675.95

FLINT BUILDING FUND.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER IN ACCOUNT WITH FLINT PUBLIC
LIBRARY.

	Dr.	
Balance unexpended by last report,	\$157.07	
To cash received for grass,	3.00	
" " " apples,	8.00	
	<hr/>	\$168.07
	Cr.	
To cash paid Willis Estey for work on coal bins,	\$1.50	
To cash paid Thomas Carlin for work on coal bins,	3.00	
To cash paid J. B. Putney, work on grav- el, 1891,	1.20	
Balance unexpended,	162.37	
	<hr/>	\$168.07

Samuel A. Fletcher, Tax Collector, in Account with the Town of Middleton.

	Dr.	
Balance of tax list of 1889, as per last year's re- port,	\$258.88	
Interest collected,	13.53	
	<hr/>	\$272.41
	Cr.	
Am't paid Treasurer on tax list of 1889,	\$170.92	
Uncollected " " " "	101.49	
	<hr/>	\$272.41

	DR.
Balance of tax list of 1890, as per last	
year's report,	\$1,144.29
Interest collected,	47.65
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	\$1,191.94

	CR.
Am't paid Treasurer on tax list of 1890, \$704.03	
Uncollected " " " 487.91	
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	\$1,191.94

	DR.
Balance of tax list of 1891, as per last	
year's report,	\$1,899.92
Interest collected,	56.36
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	\$1,956.28

	CR.
Am't paid Treasurer on tax list of 1891, \$1,166.94	
Uncollected, " " " 789.34	
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	\$1,956.28

**Jesse W. Peabody, Tax Collector, in Account
with the Town of Middleton.**

	DR.
Tax list of 1892,	7373.67
Additional assessments,	6.00
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	\$7379.67

	CR.
Paid Treasurer on tax list of 1892,	4827.14
" County tax,	566.55
Uncollected, on tax list of 1892.	1985.98
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	\$7379.67

**Samuel A. Fletcher, Treasurer, in Account
with the Town of Middleton for year end-
ing February.**

	Dr.
To balance of last year's account,	\$ 62.14
To cash Town of Brewster, pauper account,	4.50
" " No. Reading, " "	37.48
" of City of Lawrence, " "	12.50
" " State, " "	42.00
" " State Treasurer on town note,	1,500.00
" " " " " " " "	1,000.00
" " Sarah P. Batchelder, cemetery lot,	15.00
" " Town of Danvers, one half ex- pense log bridges,	27.55
" " State Treasurer, corporation tax,	21.92
" " " " bank tax,	92.95
" " " " military aid,	270.00
" " " " State aid,	239.00
" " County Treasurer, dog tax,	73.67
" " Town of Danvers, for gravel,	3.00
" " State Treasurer, school fund,	312.20
" " S. A. Fletcher, on tax list 1889,	170.92
" " " " " " 1890,	704.03
" " " " " " 1891,	1,166.94
" " Jesse W. Peabody, tax list 1892,	4,827.14
" " Fred E. Campbell, use of Town Hall,	141.75
" " Est. of Andrew Gould, for wood,	1.50
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	\$10,726.19

Cr.

By cash paid, interest on notes	\$105.00
" " Flint Book Fund, interest on notes,	250.00
By cash paid State treasurer on notes,	2500.00
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AMOUNT CARRIED FORWARD,	\$2855.00

AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD,	\$2855.00
By cash paid State treasurer on interest,	38.39
“ “ B. F. Emerson Fund interest on note,	40.00
By cash paid State treasurer, State tax,	437.50
“ “ Flint Book Fund, on town note,	81.78
By Cash paid Flint Book Fund interest,	4.09
“ “ on overseers' orders,	1,003.54
“ “ selectmen's orders,	5,683.14
Balance in treasury,	582.75
	<hr/> \$10,726.19

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them to be correct, and the vouchers in proper form.

DANIEL WESTON, Auditor.

Middleton, Feb. 21, 1893.

Assessors' Valuation of Property.

Real estate,	\$476,750.00
Personal estate,	77,256.00
	<hr/> \$554,006.00

Number of polls, 255.

Rate of taxation, \$12.40 per \$1000.

Tax on polls,	\$ 510.00
Tax on real estate,	5911.70
Tax on personal estate	957.97
	<hr/> \$7379.67

Amount voted for current expenses,	\$2,200.00
“ “ schools,	1,600.00
“ “ supplies,	200.00
“ “ incidental schools,	175.00
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AMOUNT CARRIED FORWARD,	\$4175.00
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AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD,	\$4175.00
Amount voted for highways,	1,000.00
“ “ sidewalks,	100.00
“ “ cemetery,	150.00
“ “ enforcement of liquor law,	50.00
“ “ Memorial day,	100.00
“ “ library lot,	600.00
State tax,	437.50
County tax,	566.55
Overlay on tax,	194.62
Additional assessments.	6.00
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	\$7,379.67

Schedule of Town Property.

Library building and land,	\$14,000.00
Flint Public Library,	3000.00
Town hall,	5000.00
School houses,	8000.00
Lockup,	500.00
Cemetery,	1300.00
Hearse and hearse house	800.00
Fire apparatus,	700.00
Gravel pit,	50.00
B. F. Emerson Fund,	10,000.00
C. L. Flint Book Fund,	5000.00
Road machine,	250.00
School books in use,	250.00
Safe,	200.00
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	\$49,050.00

The Selectmen respectfully submit the following estimates of the sums necessary to be raised by taxation, to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year, in addition to the annual appropriation of \$600.00 voted for the Library lot.

Current expenses,	\$2,200.00
Schools,	1,600.00
School books and supplies,	200.00
Incidental school expenses,	150.00
Highways,	1,000.00
Bridges,	100.00
Sidewalks,	100.00
Cemetery,	100 00
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	\$5,450.00

Financial Condition of the Town Liabilities.

Amount of Town notes on interest at 5	
per cent,	\$6,300 00
Amount of Town notes on interest at 4	
per cent,	2,000.00
Amount due the schools,	647.59
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	\$8,947.59

Assets.

Balance in treasury, as per treasurer's	
account,	582.75
Due from State on account of state aid,	295.50
“ “ “ military aid,	206.56
“ “ for burial of a soldier,	35.00
School books on hand,	75.00
Due from Lawrence,	2.00
Due from Newburyport,	63.75
Due from State,	11.00
Amount of uncollected taxes, 1889,	101.49
“ “ “ 1890,	487.91
“ “ “ 1891,	789.34
“ “ “ 1892,	1,979.98
Balance against the Town,	4,317.31
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	\$8,947.59

JESSE W. PEABODY,	}	Selectmen of Middleton.
WILLIAM T. MARTIN,		
SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,		

Middleton, Feb. 21st, 1893.

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

We are pleased to announce a most successful year in our new Library Building, and we trust that the people who have enjoyed its conveniences and privileges, have borne in mind with grateful memory the names of those whose thoughtfulness and kindness have made this enjoyment possible.

The number of those who have taken books from the Library during the past year has increased, and the advantages of the reading-room have been seemingly highly appreciated.

The list of periodicals subscribed for last year has been increased by the addition of "Reviews of Reviews," "Forum" and "Electrical Review," while the "Boston Weekly Journal" has been discontinued.

The income of the Flint Book Fund now having amounted to a considerable sum, an addition to the books in the Library will soon be made.

We are saddened by the thought of the great loss sustained by this community, and this library particularly in the sudden death, last September, of one of its trustees, Mr. Joseph A. Batchelder, who has been closely identified with its interests from the first.

In October, another member of the Board of Trustees, Mr. William M. Peabody, was removed by death.

He was chosen to take the place of Mr. W. A. Phelps, deceased, and he has always manifested a lively interest in whatever pertained to the prosperity of Flint Public Library, and was, as well as Mr. Batchelder, one of the originators of the "Library Association" which was organized in 1865, but which, at the time of the presentation to the town of the sum of \$1000 for a Free Library, by Hon. C. L. Flint, was merged into the Free Library, by the gift of its books, furniture, and funds in its treasury.

In closing, we would say, we hope that the advantages af-

forded by Flint Free Library will be improved by all of our people, and that the youth particularly will persistently carry out the purpose of storing the mind with sound thought and useful information.

ANSEL P. TYLER,	}	Trustees.
SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,		
JAMES FLINT,		
JESSE W. PEABODY,		
ANDREW W. PEABODY,		
DARIUS W. CASE,		

Middleton, Feb. 21, 1893.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Books in Library Feb. 1, 1892,	3879
“ presented by Henry P. Emerson,	1
“ “ “ Carrie E. Emerson,	1
“ “ “ H. L. Gordon,	1
“ “ “ W. H. Fuller,	1
“ “ “ Friend	2
“ “ “ Executive Committee,	
24th Encampment, G. A. R.	1
Books presented by the Massachusetts	
State Secretary,	5
Books presented by U. S. Commissioners,	3
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Books in Library Feb. 1, 1893,	3894

PAMPHLETS AND PAPERS RECEIVED IN 1892.

From U. S. Bureau of Education,	1
“ “ Agricultural Department,	7
“ Mass. State Library,	1
“ Topsfield Public Library,	1
“ Lynn “ “	1
“ Henry W. Russell,	22
“ Albert A. Pope,	1
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Whole number of books taken from the library from February 1, 1892 to February 1, 1893, 5939.

Whole number of visitors registered in library from February 1, 1892 to February 1, 1893, 207.

Library has been open Tuesdays from 7 to 9 P. M. Saturdays, 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 P. M.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Librarian.

Middleton, Feb. 1, 1893.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, IN ACCOUNT WITH FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Cr.

To services as Librarian and Janitor,	\$150.00
To cash paid M. J. Emerson for wood,	2.25
“ “ B. T. McGlauffin for coal,	46.43
“ “ Jos. A. Batchelder for insurance,	15.00
“ “ John H. Choate, for library cards,	2.50
“ “ Philbrick & Perkins, for paper,	.93
“ “ Walworth Man'f'g Co , 2 barrels gasolene,	15.00
“ “ Eastern Railroad for freight on gasolene and barrels,	.81
“ “ Maurice E. Tyler for teaming,	.60
“ “ Library Bureau for chair,	5.00
“ “ waste basket,	.62
“ “ mucilage,	.30
“ “ towel bars,	.25
“ “ express on books from State Secretary,	1.10
“ “ H. A. Wilkins & Son, supplies for library,	1.35
“ “ stationery, ink and postage,	.18
“ “ Augustus Shepard care of grounds,	18.45

 \$261.67

To cash rec'd for gasolene barrels returned, \$	1.60	
“ “ for catalogues, fines and cards,	13.36	
“ “ from B. F. Emerson fund,	246.71	
	<hr/>	\$261.67

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

B. F. EMERSON FUND.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE EMERSON FUND SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING AS THEIR FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF INVESTMENTS.

Atchison income bonds,	\$2387.11	
“ 4 per cent. bonds,	2948.25	
N. Y. & N. E. 6 per cent. bonds,	2290.00	
Town of Middleton note,	800.00	
Andover Savings Bank,	1000.00	
Danvers “ “	600.00	
	<hr/>	\$10,025.36

INCOME ACCOUNT.

Dr.

Balance from last year,	\$ 13.69	
Cash from James Flint,	5.00	
Interest on N. Y. & N. E. bonds,	120.00	
“ Atchison bonds,	171.00	
“ Town note,	40.00	
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Cash to S. A. Fletcher, supplies, etc.	\$246.71	
Cash to Safe deposit vault,	10.00	
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Balance,		<hr/> \$92.98

A. P. TYLER,	} Trustees.
S. A. FLETCHER,	
M. J. EMERSON,	
M. E. TYLER,	
F. P. MERRIAM.	

FLINT BOOK FUND.

Notes against the town of Middleton of amount received
from executors of Charles L. Flint, \$5000.00

Dr.

Interest received from Town,	\$250.00	
Balance on hand last year,	81.78	
Interest on same on Town note,	4.09	
	_____	\$335.87

Cr.

By cash paid for periodicals for reading room,	\$ 28.65	
By balance on hand,	307.22	
	_____	\$335.87

The following list of persons qualified for Jurors, prepared and posted by the selectmen, will be submitted to the town at the annual town meeting, for revision and acceptance.

Leverett H. Wilkins,	John M. Peabody,
Gustavus H. Tufts,	Frank L. Estey,
Asa How,	Kendall F. Richardson,
Benjamin T. McGlauffin,	Joseph W. Russell,
Samuel A. Fletcher,	Oscar Cram,
Henry E. How,	Augustus Shepard,
Allen D. Bryer,	Willis W. Estey,
M. J. Emerson,	Elie E. Richardson.

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

To Fred E. Campbell, Constable for the Town of Middleton, in the County of Essex. GREETING.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on Monday the sixth day of March, next, at TEN O'CLOCK in the FORENOON then and there, to act on the following articles:—

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To vote on the question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? The vote will be by a separate ballot, and the ballot shall be "Yes" or "No" in answer to said question.

ART. 5. To see how much money the town will raise to defray town charges the ensuing year, and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

ART. 6. To see what action the town will take in relation to discount and interest on taxes.

ART. 7. To act on the list of Jurors prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

ART. 8. To see what action the town will take in regard to letting the Town Hall.

ART. 9. To see what action the town will take in regard to the enforcement of the law against the sale of intoxicating liquors.

ART. 10. To see what action the town will take concerning the cemetery.

ART. 11. To see what regulations the town will make in regard to fishing in Middleton Pond.

ART. 12. To see what action the town will take for the prevention of fires, and in respect to the compensation of firemen.

ART. 13. To see what measures the town will adopt for the removal of snow from the sidewalks.

ART. 14. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to meet current expenses, in anticipation of taxes of the present year, and payable therefrom.

ART. 15. To see how much money the town will raise for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

ART. 16. To see if the town will purchase a globe for the street lamp.

ART. 17. To see if the town will purchase a robe and

blanket to be used with the hearse, and make an appropriation for the same.

ART. 18. To see if the town will purchase a furnace for the Town Hall, or have the present one repaired, and make an appropriation for the same.

ART. 19. To see what action the town will take in regard to enlarging the stage in the the Town Hall, agreeably to the petition of S. T. LeBaron and others.

ART. 20. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office, in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of February, A. D. 1893.

JESSE W. PEABODY,	}	Selectmen of Middleton.
SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,		
WILLIAM T. MARTIN,		

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF MIDDLETON

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 21, 1894.

SALEM :

OBSERVER BOOK AND JOB PRINT.

1894.

TOWN REPORT.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

Annie C. Smith, teaching Intermediate school, .	\$260 00
S. Abbie Spooner, teaching Grammar school, . .	429 00
Nellie C. Howe, teaching Primary school, .	430 00
Marion E. Tyler, teaching Intermediate school, . .	200 00
B. T. McGlauflin, coal,	81 01
Augustus Shepard, services as janitor,	70 00
A. Nickerson, wood,	2 25
Augustus Shepard, sawing wood,	75
Harley M. Tyler, sawing and splitting wood, . .	1 25
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	\$1,474 26

EAST SCHOOL.

Annie P. Day, teaching, . . .	\$343 00
Grace A. Knowlton, teaching, . . .	37 80
B. T. McGlauflin, wood and coal, . . .	18 25
H. E. Howe, wood,	2 25
Frank Margeson, sawing wood, . . .	1 50
Benjamin Fuller, sawing wood, . . .	1 50
Grace E. Metcalf, janitor,	10 00
Willie E. Ogden, janitor,	2 50
Jesse L. Peabody, janitor,	2 50
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	\$419 30

NORTH SCHOOL.

Catherine A. Berry, teaching, . . .	\$323 00	
Catherine A. Berry, care of room, . . .	3 50	
B. T. McGlauflin, coal,	13 50	
Harry Spencer, janitor,	10 00	
Farnham Stiles, wood,	4 50	
John Botts, sawing and splitting wood,	5 75	
	<hr/>	\$360 25
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		\$2,253 81
Balance due the schools,		383 19
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		\$2,637 00

Balance due the schools last year, . . .	\$647 59	
Town appropriation for schools, . . .	1,600 00	
State school fund,	306 84	
Amount received from dog licenses, . . .	82 57	
	<hr/>	\$2,637 00

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Amount of appropriation,	\$150 00
Ira E. Goodwin, removing snow,	40
Augustus Shepard, repairs and cleaning,	13 77
George B. Flint, repairs,	9 00
John Gage, repairing clocks,	5 25
Farnham Stiles, use of well, one year,	3 00
Mrs. H. N. Smith, use of well, one year,	2 00
George P. Wilkins, use of well, one year,	3 00
J. J. Grothe, use of well, one year,	10 00
J. J. Grothe, stove shaker,	25
J. E. Ropes & Co., stove and funnel,	16 00
M. E. Tyler, sundries,	15 57

M. E. Tyler, taking school census,	3 00
Porter I. Gould, repairing fence, four years,	4 00
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	\$85 24
Unexpended appropriation,	\$64 76
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	\$150 00

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

J. L. Hammett, supplies,	96 89
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	24 33
Boston Supply Co.,	13 50
Silver Burdett & Co., school books,	1 20
American Book Co., school books,	71 47
J. F. Porter, furniture,	12 00
Central School Supply House of Chicago,	37 50
Oliver Ditson Co., books,	7 20
H. A. Wilkins & Sons,	3 62
M. E. Tyler,	10 82
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	278 53
Amount of appropriation,	250 00
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Amount overdrawn,	\$28 53
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ROAD COMMISSIONERS' DEPARTMENT.

HIGHWAYS.

S. M. Peabody, Labor and team,	\$117 90
W. W. Peabody, "	69 90
F. Long, "	41 02
Charles Cross, "	18 65
John Barnaby, "	13 64

W. P. Christopher,	57 28
W. E. Gould, gravel,	50
John B. Putney, "	47 38
Austin C. Peabody, "	4 50
Mrs. E. Fletcher, "	1 05
J. W. Davis,	75
Eugene Harriman,	1 50
B. & M. Railroad Co., freight,	50
J. H. Fletcher,	50
Gould & Derry, signboards,	40
H. H. Pillsbury, painting signboards,	5 31
M. B. Page, pipe,	16 21
Putnam & Pope, lumber,	3 36
A. D. Bryer,	78 57
O. H. Rennard,	106 50
Fred Flint,	21 67
Thomas Carlin,	24 67
F. Esty,	1 00
Samuel G. Campbell,	141 00
J. Chandler,	106 22
Heirs of J. A. Richardson, Central St., Land damage, 1890,	4 16
Melvin Richardson,	24 36
J. W. Russell, gravel,	67
M. J. Emerson, "	90
G. A. Currier,	9 30
G. E. Currier,	80
William Berry,	1 75
S. E. McGlauffin,	3 00
B. T. McGlauffin,	5 84
G. W. Tibbetts, plate and bolts,	8 93
" " " bolts,	1 50
" " " expressing,	20
W. Thomas,	6 00
E. Randal,	6 00
C. C. Campbell,	18 00

B. H. Crosman,	27 50
S. M. Peabody, posts,	2 40
Jesse W. Peabody, "	2 30
Willis W. Esty,	55 00
Asa Howe, posts,	19 55
J. J. Grothe, repairing tools,	16 10
Pope Bros., lumber,	22 61
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, oil,	38
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, bottle,	05
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, nails,	75
Susan A. Beverly, storing road machine,	2 00
Samuel M. Peabody, services as commissioner,	10 00
Willis W. Esty, " " "	10 00
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	\$1,140 03
Amount of appropriation,	1,100 00
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Amount overdrawn,	\$40 03

BRIDGES.

George McQuesten & Co, lumber,	69 47
Putnam & Pope, "	40 22
B. & M. Railroad Co., freight,	8 29
S. M. Peabody, labor,	17 40
W. W. Peabody, "	9 00
M. J. Emerson, "	12 00
Bolts,	3 50
J. A. Curtis,	11 40
J. H. Fletcher,	4 16
J. W. Davis,	1 50
Samuel G. Campbell,	6 00
J. Chandler,	1 50
Pope Bros., lumber,	71 82
W. W. Esty,	7 00
Warren Thomas,	2 00

J. J. Grothe, bolts and rods,	1 85
Cash paid for labor and material on turnpike bridge, .	12 29
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	\$279 40
Amount of appropriation,	200 00
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	79 40
Received from town of Danvers $\frac{1}{2}$ amount of expense on turnpike bridge,	25 50
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Amount overdrawn,	\$53 90

SIDEWALK ACCOUNT.

Appropriation,	200 00
Fred Flint, labor,	19 01
Samuel G. Campbell, "	35 10
W. Christopher, "	1 25
Warren Thomas, "	16 50
Otis H. Rennard, " and team,	52 50
C. C. Campbell, "	20 60
Allen D. Bryer, "	13 50
George A. Currier, gravel,	12 00
Thomas Carlin, labor,	1 50
Samuel G. Campbell, posts,	1 00
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Amount undrawn,	\$28 04

REMOVING SNOW.

F. Jackson,	\$6 40
F. Currier,	8 00
J. Kimball,	7 60
B. Daniels,	10 10
A. W. Peabody,	8 80
J. W. Daniels,	12 00
E. Randall,	10 40
J. M. Peabody,	1 70

J. Jones,	1 00
M. Wedgewood,	1 00
George Margeson,	1 00
H. Peabody,	1 00
A. M. Richardson,	6 00
B. P. Richardson,	5 40
O. H. Rennard,	24 40
George A. Currier,	1 00
Charles Currier,	3 40
E. S. Hutchinson,	5 80
C. Clay,	80
W. E. Sanford,	3 00
S. G. Campbell,	28 80
W. P. Christopher,	21 00
W. T. Martin,	12 90
C. Hayward,	15 15
C. Thomas,	1 00
J. J. H. Gregory,	41 00
Daniel G. Berry,	5 49
F. A. Witham,	5 40
Ira E. Goodwin,	11 70
W. I. Gould,	8 50
J. H. Fletcher,	10 20
B. W. Peabody,	4 30
Edward Peabody,	8 80
John Pickett,	10 50
Lewis Bouchard,	6 10
S. M. Peabody,	16 80
Charles Cross,	50
W. W. Moore,	1 80
G. R. Fuller,	3 00
L. H. Wilkins,	2 10
Moses Peabody,	2 40
George Gould,	10 00
Fred Long,	3 40
W. W. Esty,	31 00

S. E. McGlauflin,	4 00
B. T. McGlauflin,	6 80
John F. Higgins,	60

\$392 04

POOR DEPARTMENT.

Asa Howe, wood for tramp house,	\$4 50
Ansel Nickerson, wood for tramp house,	2 25
B. T. McGlauflin, coal,	13 50
“ “ “ care of 567 tramps,	56 70
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for tramp house,	29 76
J. F. Hayward, meat for Phelix Maynard,	2 24
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for P. Maynard,	9 00
J. A. Shatswell, medical attendance for Phelix Maynard	5 00
James Falton, interment,	25 00
G. P. Melcher, board for E. C. Brient,	35 75
J. A. Shatswell, medical attendance,	21 00
J. M. Peabody, interment,	27 00
Susan Stewart, board and clothing for Elias Russell,	61 40
E. A. Stimpson, boots for Elias Russell,	2 75
J. A. Shatswell, medical attendance,	4 00
John B. King, board for Mary S. King,	37 50
J. A. Shatswell, medical attendance for Mary S. King,	16 00
James Falton, interment,	10 00
J. M. Peabody, interment of Henry Freeman,	37 15
E. A. Stimpson, groceries for Henry Freeman,	12 00
J. A. Shatswell, medical attendance for Henry Freeman,	33 00
N. E. Nickerson, clothing for Henry Freeman,	7 40
H. Moshier, shoes for Henry Freeman,	2 50
B. T. McGlauflin, coal for Henry Freeman,	2 00

H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for H. Freeman,	3 30
Town of Beverly, aid for Frank Wilkins,	332 18
B. & M. R. R. car fare of James Vauunce,	2 00
Annie Sheldon, lodging James Vauunce,	1 50
City of Salem, aid for Henry Mansfield,	137 20
Town of Georgetown, aid for David P. Hutchinson,	117 00
B. T. McGlauflin, coal for Mrs. S. M. P. Smith,	13 50
Overseers of poor, cash for Mrs. S. M. P. Smith,	15 00
Willis Esty, produce for Mrs. S. M. P. Smith,	1 70
Mrs. C. A. Hutchinson, house rent,	10 43
B. T. McGlauflin, coal for Mrs. Lever,	14 50
A. W. Peabody, wood and cutting,	8 25
B. T. McGlauflin, coal and wood for John P. Shultz,	18 25
E. A. Stimpson, supplies for J. P. Shultz,	21 00
A. A. Averill, house rent for John P. Shultz,	14 00
J. F. Hayward, meat for John P. Shultz,	6 00
W. S. Decker, board for Nellie Parton,	2 00
Chas. Cross, board for Nellie Parton,	6 50
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, telephoning,	25
B. T. McGlauflin, wood and coal for Mrs. D. Wells,	13 25
J. F. Hayward, meat for Mrs. D. Wells,	1 25
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, groceries,	4 25
Commonwealth of Mass., board for Mrs. M. J. Durrah at Danvers Insane Hospital,	73 82
Dr. Chapman, medical attendance to John Powers,	2 25
Dr. Chapman, medical attendance to Mrs. Chas. Cross,	7 50
H. E. Howe, services as Overseer of the Poor, and cash paid,	18 05
A. W. Peabody, services and cash paid,	15 35
B. T. McGlauflin, services as Overseer and cash paid,	34 99
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Whole amount of Overseers' orders drawn,	1352 67
Unsettled bills of this year,	20 00
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	\$1372 67

Due from Reading, on account of Henry Freeman,	3 30	
Due from Lynn on account of Nellie Parton,	8 75	
Due from N. Reading on account of Mrs. C. Cross,	7 50	
Due from Hampton on account of John Powers,	2 95	
Due from State on account of J. P. Shultz,	59 25	
Due from State on account of James Vaunce,	3 50	
Due from State on account of Phelix Maynard,	41 24	
Due from State on account of Mary S. King,	63 50	
Received from Newburyport on account of E. C. Brient,	83 75	
Received from Reading on account of H. Freeman,	94 05	
Unsettled bill of last year paid,	50 00	
Whole cost of supporting poor,	954 88	
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		\$1372 67

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Jesse W. Peabody, Selectman and Assessor,	\$70 00
William T. Martin, " " " "	70 00
Asa Howe, " " " "	70 00
Samuel A. Fletcher, Town Clerk,	8 00
Samuel A. Fletcher, recording births, marriages and deaths,	14 30
Morrice E. Tyler, School Committee,	35 00
B. T. McGlauffin, " " " "	30 00
James A. Shatswell, " " " "	18 00
Jesse W. Peabody, Registrar of Voters,	10 00
William T. Martin, " " " "	10 00

Asa Howe,	Registrar of Voters,	5 00
Samuel A. Fletcher,	“ “ “	10 00
Samuel A. Fletcher,	Treasurer,	25 00
Jesse W. Peabody,	Collector,	83 55
Fred E. Campbell,	Constable,	6 00
Fred E. Campbell,	Special Police,	5 00
John M. Peabody,	Superintendent of Burials,	10 00
B. T. McGlauflin,	Forest Fireward,	2 00
Fred J. Giles,	Election Officer,	3 00
Farnham Stiles,	sealer of weights and measures,	5 00

\$489 85

Outstanding bills, \$35 00.

STATE AID ACCOUNT.

Hiram McGlauflin,	\$40 50
Frank Atwood,	8 00
Susan A. Stuart,	32 00
Sarah M. Matthews,	48 00
Annie J. Sheldon,	32 00
Henry Peabody,	39 00
Lydia M. Peabody,	48 00
Catherine Danforth,	24 00
Benjamin W. Peabody,	50 00

\$321 50

SOLDIERS' RELIEF ACCOUNT.

Town of Beverly, relief of Sereno Terrio's family, 1892,	\$44 04
Dr J. H. Dearborn, medical attendance of Sereno Terrio's family, 1892,	15 00
E A. Stimpson, for Henry Peabody,	9 00
B. T. McGlauflin, coal, Henry Peabody,	2 00
B. T. McGlauflin, wood, Henry Peabody,	2 25
B. T. McGlauflin, coal for Scott Wilkins,	3 50
Town of Melrose, aid for W. F. Russell,	156.00

\$231 79

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

EXPENSES.

Fred E. Campbell, services as janitor,	\$32 15
" " " cash paid J. Gage, cleaning clock,	1 50
" " " " " for supplies,	3 70
" " " " " for coal,	14 00
" " " " " for oil,	2 50
Balance in favor of the town,	1 30
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	\$55 15

RECEIPTS.

I. O. of Red Men,	\$24 40
First Congregational Society,	8 25
Entertainments,	22 50
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	\$55 15

EXPENSES.

John M. Peabody, services as janitor,	\$38 00
John M. Peabody, supplies and repairs,	11 78
John M. Peabody, 4 tons coal,	27 00
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	\$76 78

RECEIPTS.

I. O. Red Men,	\$37 00
First Congregational Society,	10 50
Entertainments,	20 75
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	\$68 25
Balance against the town,	8 53
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	\$76 78

ENLARGEMENT OF STAGE AT TOWN HALL.

Appropriation,	\$100 00
Edward Denier, labor and material,	48 00
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Appropriation unexpended,	\$52 00

FURNACE FOR TOWN HALL.

C. D. Perkins & Co.,	\$127 00
George B. Flint, labor,	3 00
John M. Peabody, expenses,	5 50
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	\$135 50
Appropriation,	125 00
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Amount overdrawn,	\$10 50

CEMETERY.

Amount of appropriation,	\$200 00
John M. Peabody, removing snow,	3 40
John M. Peabody, labor,	85 50
John M. Peabody, labor on new avenue,	95 65
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	\$184 55
Unexpended balance,	15 45
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	\$200 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Amount drawn by committee,	\$104 96
Amount of appropriation,	100 00
Amount overdrawn,	4 96
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	\$104 96

ROBES FOR THE HEARSE.

H. D. Rice, fur robe and blanket,	\$14 00
John M. Peabody, robe,	3 75
John M. Peabody, journey and car fare to Boston,	3 00
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	20 75
Amount of appropriation,	20 00
Amount overdrawn,	75
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	\$20 75

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation,	\$50 00
Samuel Clark, force pumps and nozzles,	25 00
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Amount of appropriation unexpended,	\$25 00

ABATEMENTS.

Farnham Stiles,	42
Jesse W. Peabody, on list of 1892,	44 95
Samuel A. Fletcher, " " 1891,	69 80
" " " " 1890,	21 40
" " " " 1889,	10 00
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	\$146 57

MISCELLANEOUS.

Danvers Water Board, water for cemetery and Town Hall, \$12 00	
N. A. Horton & Son, printing town reports,	41 00
Newcomb & Gauss, " school "	15 25
F. E. Moynahan, printing,	8 25
W. T. Martin, valuation book,	1 00
B. T. McGlauffin, forest fire expense,	71 22
F. P. Merriam, storing hose carriage,	5 00
Globe Gas Light Co., street lantern,	4 00
John M. Peabody, Emb. board,	23 75

Dr. Bauldwin, examination of Mrs. Derrah,	3 00
Dr. J. A. Shatswell, returning births,	4 00
Dr. J. A. Shatswell, witness in case of S. P. Johnson,	3 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, sundries,	3 67
J. J. Grothe, repairing hose carriage,	1 00
M. E. Tyler, oil for street lamp,	90
John M. Peabody, care of street lamp post and setting,	13 25
John M. Peabody, returning deaths,	3 50
B. T. McGlauffin, compensation to firemen,	35 00
B. T. McGlauffin, expenses and supplies for fire dept.,	2 75
Jesse W. Peabody, discount on taxes,	246 06
Jesse W. Peabody, journeys out of town, car fare and postage,	10 06
William T. Martin, journeys out of town, car fare and stationery,	4 23
S. A. Fletcher, express and postage,	3 40
Asa Howe, stationery,	70
S. A. Fletcher, administering oaths,	2 00
FIRST DISTRICT COURT EXPENSES.	
Fred E. Campbell, case of Reuben Riley,	16 50
“ “ “ “ “ Alexander Robinson,	5 74
S. E. McGlauffin, “ “ Daniel Donahue,	14 85
D. N. Crowley, services “ “	5 00
“ “ “ “ Parton case,	5 00
Town treasurer, witness fees in fire inquest,	10 80
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	\$575 88
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SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Schools,	\$2,253 81
Incidental school expenses,	85 24
School books and supplies,	278 53
Highway department,	1,140 03

Bridges,	279 40
Sidewalks,	172 96
Removing snow,	392 04
Poor department,	1,352 67
Town officers,	489 85
State aid,	321 50
Soldiers' relief,	231 79
Town hall account,	130 63
Enlargement of stage at town hall,	48 00
Furnace for town hall,	135 50
Cemetery,	184 55
Memorial Day,	104 96
Robes for the hearse,	20 75
Fire department,	25 00
Abatements,	146 57
Miscellaneous,	575 88
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	\$8,369 66

FLINT BUILDING FUND.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, IN ACCOUNT WITH FLINT PUBLIC
LIBRARY.

Balance unexpended by last report.	\$162 37
To cash received for grass,	3 00
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Balance on hand Feb., 1894,	\$165 37

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TAX COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
TOWN OF MIDDLETON.

Dr.

Balance of tax list, of 1889, as per last year's report,	\$101 49
Interest collected,	13 55
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	\$115 04

CR.

Amount paid Treasurer on tax list of 1889,	\$78 52	
Uncollected on tax list of 1889,	36 52	
	<hr/>	\$115 04

DR.

Balance of tax list of 1890, as per last year's report,	\$487 91	
Interest collected,	28 86	
	<hr/>	\$516 77

CR.

Amount paid Treasurer on tax list of 1890,	\$230 04	
Uncollected,	286 73	
	<hr/>	\$516 77

DR.

Balance of tax list of 1891, as per last year's report,	\$789 34	
Interest collected,	25 93	
	<hr/>	\$815 27

CR.

Amount paid Treasurer on tax list of 1891,	\$367 10	
Uncollected,	448 17	
	<hr/>	\$815 27

JESSE W. PEABODY, TAX COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
TOWN OF MIDDLETON.

DR.

Balance of tax list of 1892 as per last year's report,	\$1,985 98	
Interest collected,	27 65	
	<hr/>	\$2,013 63

CR.

Amount paid Treasurer on tax list of 1892,	\$928 18	
Uncollected	1,085 45	
	<hr/>	\$2,013 63

Tax list of 1893,		\$8,359 72
Paid Treasurer on tax list of 1893,	\$5,526 58	
Uncollected	2,833 14	
	<hr/>	\$8,359 72

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN
OF MIDDLETON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING
FEBRUARY, 1894.

DR.

To balance of last year's account,	\$582 75
1893.	

Received from L. Frank Atwood,	cemetery lot,	10 00
"	" Mrs. Polly O. Parker,	12 00
"	" Persis B. Russell,	10 00
"	" Clara Berry,	10 00
"	" E. L. Thompson,	20 00
"	" Albert H. Ham,	12 00
"	" David Thomas,	10 00
"	" George P. Melcher,	10 00
"	" George E. Currier,	20 00
"	" John E. Jones,	10 00
"	" Walter E. Milberry,	10 00
"	" Heirs of J. Porter Gould,	20 00
"	" Mrs. Conlan, cemetery lot for Andrew E. Gould,	4 00
"	" Lawrence, for aid furnished William Moore,	2 00
"	" State Treasurer, on 3 notes,	4,500 00
"	" Mrs. Conlan, for estate of Andrew Gould,	20 00
"	" Newburyport, for aid furnished Mrs. Brient,	156 25
"	" Reading, for aid furnished H. Freeman,	94 05
"	" Danvers, for one-half expense of turn- pike bridge,	27 50
"	" Clerk of the First District Court,	9 75
"	" State, one-half expense of burial of a soldier,	17 50

Received from State temporary support of State paupers,	11 00
“ “ “ National bank tax,	38 12
“ “ “ Corporation tax,	21 49
“ “ “ Military aid,	95 00
“ “ “ State aid,	295 50
“ “ “ School fund,	306 84
“ “ County Treasurer, Dog tax,	82 57
“ “ Estate of Benjamin Parker,	22 00
“ “ S. M. Peabody, for old bridge plank,	4 76
“ for use of Town Hall,	123 40
“ from a poll tax of 1888,	2 00
“ “ S. A. Fletcher on tax list of 1889,	78 52
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1890,	230 40
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1891,	367 10
“ “ Jesse W. Peabody on tax list of 1892,	928 18
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1893,	5,526 58
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	\$13,700 90

CR.

By cash paid for interest on notes,	\$105 00
By cash paid State Treasurer for interest on note,	22 50
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	41 32
“ “ “ “ “ “ 2 notes,	3,000 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ State Tax,	625 00
“ “ “ County “ “ County Tax,	574 43
“ “ “ Flint Book Fund, interest on notes,	250 00
“ “ “ B. F. Emerson Fund, interest on notes,	40 00
“ “ “ Overseer's Orders,	1,352 92
“ “ “ Selectmen's “	7,010 56
“ “ “ Willis Esty,	50
Balance in Treasury,	678 67
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	\$13,700 90

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The accounts examined by me are found to be correct and properly vouched.

DANIEL WESTON, Auditor.

ASSESSORS' VALUATION OF PROPERTY.

Real Estate,	\$484,040 00
Personal Estate,	77,662 00
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	\$561,702 00

Number of polls, 246.

Rate of taxation \$14.00 per 1,000.

Tax on Polls,	492 00
Tax on Real Estate,	6,776 56
Tax on Personal Estate,	1,087 26
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	\$8,355 82

Amount voted for current expenses,	\$2,200 00
“ “ “ schools,	1,600 00
“ “ “ supplies,	250 00
“ “ “ incidental schools,	150 00
“ “ “ highways,	1,100 00
“ “ “ sidewalks,	200 00
“ “ “ bridges,	200 00
“ “ “ cemetery,	200 00
“ “ “ enforcement of liquor law,	50 00
“ “ “ Memorial Day,	100 00
“ “ “ Library lot,	600 00
“ “ “ furnace for town hall,	125 00
“ “ “ enlargement of stage for town hall,	100 00
“ “ “ fire department for pumps,	50 00
“ “ “ robes for the hearse,	20 00

State Tax,	625 00
County Tax,	574 43
Overlay on Tax,	211 39
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	\$8,355 82

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Library Building and land,	\$14,000 00
Flint Public Library,	3,300 00
Town Hall,	5,000 00
School-houses,	8,000 00
Lock-up,	500 00
Cemetery,	1,300 00
Hearse and hearse house,	800 00
Fire apparatus,	700 00
Gravel pit,	50 00
B. F. Emerson Fund,	10,000 00
C. L. Flint Book Fund,	5,000 00
Road machine,	200 00
School books in use,	350 00
Safe,	200 00
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	\$49,400 00

The Selectmen respectfully submit the following estimates of the sums necessary to be raised by taxation, to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year, in addition to the annual appropriation of \$600.00 voted for the Library lot.

Current Expenses,	\$2,200 00
Schools,	1,600 00
School Books and Supplies,	200 00
Incidental School Expenses,	125 00
Highways,	800 00
Bridges,	25 00
Cemetery,	50 00
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	\$5,000 00

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of town notes on interest at 5 per cent.,	\$6,300 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ 4 “ “	3,500 00
“ due the schools,	383 19
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	\$10,183 19

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per Treasurer's account, .	\$678 67
Due from State on account of State Aid,	334 50
School books on hand,	350 00
Due from Reading,	3 30
Due from Lynn,	8 75
Due from No. Reading,	7 50
Due from Hampton,	2 95
Due from State,	167 49
Amount of uncollected taxes, 1889,	36 52
“ “ “ “ 1890,	286 73
“ “ “ “ 1891,	448 17
“ “ “ “ 1892,	1,085 45
“ “ “ “ 1893,	2,833 14
Balance against the town,	3,940 02
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	\$10,183 19

JESSE W. PEABODY, }
WILLIAM T. MARTIN, }
ASA HOWE, }

Selectmen
of
Middleton.

MIDDLETON, Feb. 21st, 1894.

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The past year has been a prosperous one in the history of our Library.

New books have been added within the year, including a set of *Encyclopædia Britannica*.

The list of periodicals for use in the Reading Room has been increased this year by the addition of "The Cosmopolitan" "The Electrical Engineer" and "The Youth's Companion" while the "Electrical Review" has been discontinued.

Through the kindness of Mr. W. S. Armstrong, formerly a resident of this town, we have received "The Dolgeville Herald, N. Y." weekly.

Many new names have been added to the list of those who take books from our Library.

Although as may be noticed the circulation is less than that of the previous year, we are glad to note a large increase in circulation in the past few months.

The increasing number of those frequenting the Reading Room to read the Magazines and consult books of reference is a favorable feature which has been noticeable.

Few towns of a size similar to our own have the privileges of so large and constantly increasing library as the inhabitants of this town, and we trust that those who avail themselves of these advantages will hold in grateful remembrance the names of those whose thoughtfulness and kindness have made this enjoyment theirs.

Respectfully submitted,

ANSEL P. TYLER,
SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,
JAMES FLINT,
JESSE W. PEABODY,
ANDREW W. PEABODY,
DARIUS W. CASE,

} Trustees.

MIDDLETON, Feb. 21, 1894.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Books in Library, Feb. 1, 1893,	3,894
New books purchased in last year,	259
Books presented by Mass. State Sec'y,	6
“ “ “ Gen. Wm. Cogswell,	2
“ “ “ U. S. Commissioners,	2
“ “ “ Miss Henrietta Tyler,	2
“ “ “ Bridgewater Normal School,	1
“ “ “ Trustees Dummer Academy,	1
“ “ “ S. A. Fletcher,	2

Books in Library, Feb. 1, 1894, 4,169

Pamphlets received in 1893:

From Mrs. H. W. Merriam,	2
“ Rev. W. P. Landers,	1
“ Trustees Peabody Institute,	1
“ Newton Free Library,	1
“ Mass. Sec'y of State,	2
“ U. S. Commissioners,	4

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Whole number of books taken from the Library from Feb. 1, 1893 to Feb. 1, 1894, 5,701.

Whole number of visitors registered in Library from Feb. 1, 1893, to Feb. 1, 1894, 91.

Number of days Library has been open during year, 102.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Librarian.

MIDDLETON, Feb. 1, 1894.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER IN ACCOUNT WITH FLINT PUBLIC
LIBRARY.

CR.

To services as Librarian and Janitor,	\$150 00
“ cash paid B. T. McGlauffin for coal,	71 03

To cash paid Salem Press Co., rebinding books, . . .	3 25
" " " G. A. Currier for phosphate in 1892, . . .	25
" " " " " " " hauling curbstones in 1892, . . .	1 80
" " " H. A. Brooks, rebinding books, . . .	10 70
" " " J. H. Choate & Co., printing supplements, . . .	25 25
" " " L. P. Fletcher, preparing supplements, . . .	9 00
" " " Augustus Shepard, work on lawn, . . .	16 50
" " " E. R. Road, freight and express, . . .	2 13
" " " M. E. Tyler, teaming, . . .	50
" " " Walworth Manufacturing Co., gasoline, . . .	7 80
" " " H. A. Wilkins & Sons, garden hose, . . .	7 84
" " " Philbrick & Perkins, paper for covering books, . . .	1 83
" " " J. J. Grothe, phosphate, . . .	4 30
" " " E. A. Stimpson, grass seed, . . .	23
" " " for car fare, stationery and postage, . . .	1 49
" " " " kerosene, . . .	10
" " Town of Danvers, water bills Oct. '91,-Apr. '94, . . .	17 50
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	\$331 50

DR.

To cash received for gasoline, barrel returned, . . .	80
" " " " catalogues, fines, and cards, . . .	11 09
" " from B. F. Emerson fund, . . .	319 61
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	\$331 50

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

MIDDLETON, Feb. 1, 1894.

B. F. EMERSON FUND.

The trustees of the Emerson Fund submit the following, as their fifth annual report.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF INVESTMENTS:

Atchison income bonds, . . .	\$2,387 11
" 4 per cent. bonds, . . .	2,948 25

N. Y. & N. E., 6 per cent. bonds,	2,290 00	
Town of Middleton note,	800 00	
Andover Savings bank,	1,000 00	
Danvers " "	600 00	
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INCOME ACCOUNT:

DR.

Balance from last year,	\$92 98	
Interest on Atchison bonds,	208 25	
" " N. Y. & N. E. bonds,	60 00	
" " town note,	40 00	
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CR.

Cash to S. A. Fletcher, Librarian & supplies,	\$319 61	
" " safe deposit vault,	10 00	329 61
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Balance,		\$71 62

A. P. TYLER,	} Trustees.
S. A. FLETCHER,	
M. J. EMERSON,	
M. E. TYLER,	
F. P. MERRIAM.	

FLINT BOOK FUND.

Notes against Town of Middleton.

Am't received from executors of Hon. Charles L. Flint, \$5,000 00

DR.

Interest received from Town,	\$250 00	
Balance on hand last year,	307 22	
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CR.

By cash paid for new books,	\$237 64	
" " " periodicals,	30 40	
Balance on hand,	289 18	
	<hr/>	\$557 22

The following list of persons qualified for Jurors, prepared and posted by the selectmen, will be submitted to the town at the annual town meeting for revision and acceptance:

LEVERETT H. WILKINS,
GUSTAVUS H. TUFTS,
ASA HOWE,
L. NELSON BROWN,
SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,
HENRY E. HOWE,
ALLEN D. BRYER,
M. J. EMERSON,

JOHN M. PEABODY,
FRANK L. ESTEY.
KENDALL F. RICHARDSON,
JOSEPH W. RUSSELL,
SAMUEL G. CAMPBELL,
FRED W. GILES,
WILLIS W. ESTY,
ELI E. RICHARDSON.

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

To Samuel E. McGlaulin, Constable for the Town of Middleton, in the County of Essex.

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on MONDAY the fifth day of March next, at *nine o'clock in the forenoon* then and there to act on the following articles :

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To vote on the question : Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town ? The vote will be by a separate ballot, and the ballot shall be "Yes" or "No" in answer to said question.

ART. 5. To see how much money the town will raise to defray town charges the ensuing year, and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

ART. 6. To see what action the town will take in relation to discount and interest on taxes.

ART. 7. To act on the list of Jurors prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

ART. 8. To see what action the town will take in regard to letting the Town Hall.

ART. 9. To see what action the town will take in regard to the enforcement of the law against the sale of intoxicating liquors.

ART. 10. To see what action the town will take concerning the cemetery.

ART. 11. To see what regulations the town will make in regard to fishing in Middleton Pond.

ART. 12. To see what action the town will take for the prevention of fires, and in respect to the compensation of firemen.

ART. 13. To see what measures the town will adopt for the removal of snow from the sidewalks.

ART. 14. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to meet current expenses, in anticipation of taxes of the present year, and payable therefrom.

ART. 15. To see how much money the town will raise for the proper observation of Memorial Day.

ART. 16. To see what action the town will take in relation to the report of their committee on the preservation of town records, and make an appropriation for the same.

ART. 17. To see what action the town will take in regard to the bequest to the town, of Miss Sophronia Fuller in her will, whereby she gives \$200 to the Town of Middleton, the income to be spent to care for her lot in the new cemetery.

ART. 18. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

ART. 19. To see what action the town will take in relation to repairing the North School house.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office, in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of February, A. D., 1894.

JESSE W. PEABODY,	}	Selectmen of Middleton.
WILLIAM T. MARTIN,		
ASA HOWE,		

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF MIDDLETON

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 21, 1895.

SALEM :

OBSERVER BOOK AND JOB PRINT.

1895.

TOWN REPORT.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

CENTRE SCHOOL.

Marion E. Tyler, teaching Intermediate school, . . .	\$370 00
Annie P. Day, " Grammar " . . .	88 00
Nellie C. Howe, " Primary " . . .	360 00
S. Abbie Spooner, " Grammar " . . .	132 00
Iva S. Price, " " " . . .	220 00
B. T. McGlauflin, coal,	66 38
C. P. Stiles, wood,	2 75
Augustus Shepard, services as janitor,	68 50
" " sawing wood,	75
Charles Darling, " "	1 50
J. J. Grothe, water,	10 00
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	\$1,319 88

EAST SCHOOL.

Hattie I. Lake, teaching,	\$45 00
Annie P. Day, "	288 00
Willie Ogden, janitor,	7 50
Jesse L. Peabody, "	7 50
G. P. Wilkins, water,	3 50
B. T. McGlauflin, coal,	9 19
C. P. Stiles, wood,	2 25
Frank Margerson, sawing wood,	1 25
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	\$364 19
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	\$1,684 07

NORTH SCHOOL.

C. A. Berry, teaching,	\$342 00	
Hattie I. Lake, teaching,	36 00	
John Botts, janitor,	20 00	
“ “ sawing wood,	1 25	
Mrs. Smith, water,	1 00	
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		\$2,084 32
Balance due schools,		289 78
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		\$2,374 10

Balance due the school last year,	\$383 19	
Town appropriation for school,	1,600 00	
State school fund,	316 07	
Amount received for dog licenses,	74 84	
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HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Paid to the town of Danvers for tuition of five pupils,	\$75 00
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REPAIRS ON NORTH SCHOOL HOUSE.

Lyman Darling, for shingles,	\$8 27	
Pope Bros., lumber,	50 58	
John F. Higgins, shingling house,	21 50	
J. Q. A. Batchelder, nails,	2 10	
	<hr/>	\$82 45
Amount of appropriation,	65 00	
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Lumber remaining on hand, \$4 29.

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Amount of appropriation,	\$125 00
John Gage, repairing clock,	\$1 50
Ira E. Goodwin, removing snow,	30
Augustus Shepard, repairs on Centre School house,	3 50

Harly M. Tyler, repairs on Centre School	16 16	
George B. Frost, " " " "	4 05	
George B. Flint, " " " "	8 00	
George B. Flint, East School house, .	1 00	
John Bott, cleaning North School house, .	4 20	
Newcomb & Gauss, 500 orders, . .	3 75	
Augustus Shepard, repairs on East School house,	4 60	
Hardy Bros., blinds for East School house, .	1 25	
" " windows for Centre School house, .	2 40	
J. J. Grothe, repairing stove door, Centre school,	25	
J. J. Grothe, bell, Centre School, . . .	25	
" " " pencil sharpener,	25	
M. E. Tyler,	20 55	
Augustus Shepard, repairs on North School house,	1 75	
		\$73 76
Unexpended appropriation,		51 24
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		\$125 00

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

J. L. Hammett, school books and supplies,	\$93 91
Thompson, Brown & Co., books and supplies,	29 50
American Book Co., books,	83 81
Oliver Ditson & Co., books,	5 40
C. A. Berry, supplies,	1 00
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	1 20
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies,	7 14
M. E. Tyler,	8 82
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	\$230 78
Amount of appropriation,	200 00
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Amount overdrawn,	\$30 78

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' DEPARTMENT.

HIGHWAYS.

Amount of Appropriation,	\$1,000 00
Willis W. Esty, labor and team,	79 36
Allen D. Bryer, labor,	162 53
William P. Christopher, labor and team,	73 67
A. Wallace Peabody, team,	11 56
Warren Thomas, labor and team,	39 59
A. M. Richardson, "	37 67
Frank Esty, "	15 00
Walodo Wilkins, "	15 00
B. T. McGlauffin, " and team,	30 17
J. Warren Russell, " " "	6 00
Charles W. Darling, "	64 84
Otis H. Rennard, " and team,	74 25
Scott Wilkins, "	3 00
Eben Sargent, "	1 33
Frank H. Benitz, "	16 67
John B. Putney, gravel,	13 25
George A. Currier "	15 80
Lyman Darling, "	3 75
B. T. McGlauffin, drain pipe,	60
John J. Grothe, knife for road machine,	4 20
H. E. Howe,	58 42
A. A. Wilkins,	26 59
J. W. Wilkins,	6 17
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, oil for road machine,	44
A. G. Huntoon,	5 00
Charles Cross,	44 50
D. W. Case,	35
Andrew Nichols,	6 00
G. F. Long,	23 60
William Leavitt,	27 00
W. T. Martin,	37 50
G. M. Derry,	1 50
A. L. Roe,	12 00

J. Chandler,	19 50
John Gage,	2 50
J. H. Fletcher,	75
Asa Howe,	1 00
H. R. Jones, gravel,	75
Cash paid for blasting,	1 00
Wm. H. Grothe,	8 15
H. E. Howe, services as Road Commissioner,	10 00
W. W. Esty, " " " "	10 00
A. D. Bryer, " " " "	10 00

\$980 96

Unexpended appropriation, 19 04

\$1,000 00

BRIDGES.

Appropriation,	\$25 00
Willis W. Esty, lumber and labor, 12 96	
H. E. Howe, labor, 1 00	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, nails, 25	
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Balance unexpended, \$10 79

SNOW BILLS.

James J. H. Gregory,	\$28 60
B. T. McGlauffin,	20 70
Otis H. Rennard,	35 15
A. D. Bryer,	10 80
W. W. Estey,	10 20
William P. Christopher,	13 00
Ira E. Goodwin,	8 90
W. T. Martin,	9 30
Milton Berry,	7 20
George E. Soper,	7 20
Solomon Peabody,	4 60
George F. Margerson,	4 40
Wm. H. Margerson,	4 00
Charles Hayward,	5 40

A. W. Peabody,	4 50
John Metcalf,	3 60
Charles Currier,	3 00
W. E. Gould,	2 90
G. S. Gould,	2 90
S. M. Peabody,	2 50
H. E. Howe,	2 60
Fred S. Flint,	2 90
T. McGlauffin,	1 80
James Rier,	1 80
J. Ross,	3 60
J. Henry Fletcher,	1 80
J. W. G. Wilkins,	1 45
A. L. Roe,	1 00
Asa Howe,	1 00
John Rier,	1 00
Lewis Maynard,	1 00
Jacob Kimball,	80
Fred Long,	70
John Wilkins,	70
S. E. McGlauffin,	70

\$211 70

POOR DEPARTMENT.

Town of Beverly, aid for Frank Wilkins,	\$72 82
Town of Georgetown, aid for David P. Hutchinson,	96 00
State of Massachusetts, clothing for Loren Goodwin, in 1888,	5 00
Town of Peabody, board of Wm. F. Perkins,	5 00
F. E. Campbell, expense on account of Wm. F. Per- kins, to Melrose,	1 50
City of Malden, board of Mary Mansfield,	66 00
Overseers of the Poor, aid for Mrs. H. M. S. P. Smith,	10 00
Dr. Chapman, medicine and medical attendance for Mrs. Smith,	1 25

A. W. Peabody, aid for Mrs. Smith,	10 00
C. A. Hutchinson, rent, " "	25 00
B. T. McGlauffin, coal, " "	11 50
H. A. Wilkins, supplies, " "	12 83
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Mrs. Wells, .	62 85
J. F. Hayward, supplies,	22 28
B. T. McGlauffin, wood and coal,	10 05
John Gage, aid and cutting wood,	2 20
H. E. Howe, wood,	3 00
J. W. G. Wilkins, cutting wood,	1 90
B. T. McGlauffin, coal for Mrs. Lever,	22 23
Geo. A. Currier, rent, " "	22 00
H. E. Howe, aid, " "	5 00
A. W. Peabody, aid, " "	5 00
Mrs. Ellen Snow, nursing,	2 00
A. W. Peabody, wood and cutting,	10 25
B. T. McGlauffin, wood and coal for John Shultz,	6 45
E. A. Stimpson, supplies,	12 00
B. & M. R. R., car fare,	15 30
J. F. Hayward, meat,	5 20
B. & M. R. R. freight on goods,	3 38
Salem & Lowell R. R., car fare for John Fitzgerald, .	1 20
Dr. Chapman, medicine and medical attendance for F. Tatro,	10 00
Dr. Chapman, medicine and medical attendance for Mrs. Chas. Cross,	14 00
Dr. Chapman, medicine and medical attendance for Mrs. Wm. Moore,	27 50
State of Massachusetts, board of Mrs. Derrah, .	88 67
J. M. Peabody, funeral expense,	9 00
Dr. Chapman, medicine and medical attendance for Nellie Parton,	34 50
Charles Cross, board of Nellie Parton,	22 00
Boston & Maine R. R., car fare for Nellie Parton, .	42
F. E. Campbell, expense on account of Nellie Parton,	2 25
B. T. McGlauffin, wood and coal for tramp house, .	22 88
B. T. McGlauffin, care of 784 tramps,	78 40
C. P. Stiles, wood for tramp house,	2 25
H. A. Wilkins, supplies for tramp house,	32 06

Vaccination of school children,	2 00
Dr. Chapman, medicine and medical attendance, . .	25 00
J. B. King, board,	12 00
John M. Peabody, burial expenses for Clyde Thomas,	9 00
A. W. Peabody, services as Overseer of Poor, . . .	15 00
H. E. Howe, services as Overseer of Poor, . . .	15 00
Car fare and use of horse,	4 80
B. T. McGlauffin, services as Overseer of Poor, . .	30 00
Car fare,	5 51
State of Mass., for error in not transmitting pauper returns,	45 00
Whole amount of Overseer's orders drawn, . . .	\$1,036 43
Unsettled bill of 1894,	70 00
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	\$1,106 43
Due from No. Reading, account of Mrs. Chas. Cross,	14 00
Due from State on account of John P. Shultz, . . .	42 33
Due from No. Reading on account of Wm. Thomas,	9 00
Due from Lynn on account of Nellie Parton, . . .	59 17
Due from State on account of Elizabeth King, . . .	37 00
Due from Beverly on account of Frank Tatro, . . .	10 00
Unsettled bills of 1893 paid,	20 00
Unsettled bills of 1888 paid,	5 00
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	\$196 50
Whole cost of supporting poor,	909 93
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	\$1,106 43

SELECTMENS' DEPARTMENT.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Jesse W. Peabody, Selectman and Assessor, . . .	75 00
William T. Martin, " " "	75 00
Asa Howe, " " "	75 00
Samuel A. Fletcher, Town Clerk.	8 00

Samuel A. Fletcher, Recording Births, Marriages and Deaths,	14 40
Maurice E. Tyler, School Committee,	35 00
B. T. McGlauffin, " "	30 00
Leverett H. Wilkins, " "	30 00
Jesse W. Peabody, Registrar of Voters,	10 00
William T. Martin, " " "	10 00
Asa Howe, " " "	10 00
Samuel A. Fletcher, " " "	10 00
Samuel A. Fletcher, Treasurer,	25 00
Jesse W. Peabody, Collector,	84 05
Fred E. Campbell, Constable,	25 00
Samuel E. McGlauffin, " 1893,	20 00
Oscar Cram, Special Police Officer,	3 00
John M. Peabody, Supt. of Burials,	3 00
Frank L. Esty, Special Police,	3 00
B. T. McGlauffin, Election Officer,	3 00
Harry McGlauffin, Ballot Clerk, 1893,	1 50
Fred W. Giles, Election Officer,	3 00
James H. Curtis, Moderator, 1893-1894.	7 00
Farnham Stiles, sealer of weights and measures,	5 00
William H. Grothe, Forest Fireward,	2 00
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	\$566 95

STATE AID ACCOUNT.

Catherine Danforth,	\$24 00
Sarah M. Matthews,	48 00
Henry Peabody,	36 00
Lydia M. Peabody,	48 00
Benjamin W. Peabody,	72 00
Isaiah B. Peabody,	18 00
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	\$246 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF ACCOUNT.

B. T. McGlauffin, Wood for John Parton,	\$3 60
" " " coal for Henry Peabody,	13 75
" " " wood for Hugh Cook,	2 60
" " " coal for Scott Wilkins,	6 64

Henry Wilkins & Sons, groceries for Henry Peabody,	10 50
Henry Wilkins & Sons groceries for Scott Wilkins,	3 00
E. A. Stimpson, groceries for Henry Peabody,	6 00
“ “ “ “ Scott Wilkins,	9 00
Dr. F. B. Chapman, medical attendance on Henry Peabody,	14 75
Town of Melrose, house rent for Wm. E. Russell,	156 00
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	\$225 84

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

EXPENSES.

John M. Peabody, janitor,	\$7 00
B. T. McGlaulin, coal,	22 57
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, oil,	5 45
Fred E. Campbell, janitor,	90 65
“ “ “ coal,	9 00
“ “ “ wood,	2 00
“ “ “ supplies and repairs,	15 00
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	\$151 67
Balance in favor of the Town,	2 33
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	\$154 00

RECEIPTS.

Cash received from I. O. Red Men,	55 50
“ “ “ Cong. Society,	15 75
“ “ “ Entertainments,	76 75
“ “ “ John M. Peabody,	6 00
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	\$154 00

CEMETERY.

Amount of appropriation,	\$125 00
Paid John M. Peabody for labor,	104 05
“ “ “ removing snow,	5 00
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	\$109 05
Unexpended appropriation,	15 95
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	\$125 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Amount of appropriation,	\$40 00
Amount drawn by committee,	40 00

FOREST FIRES.

B. T. McGlauffin, services and cash paid,	\$47 50
William H. Grothe,	122 67
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	\$170 17

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Henry R. Barnes, supplies,	\$17 90
William F. Smith, straps,	1 50
Henry Newhall & Co., lock and lanterns,	15 30
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, pails, oil and wicks,	84
Paid W. H. Grothe, as compensation to firemen,	60 00
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	\$95 54
Amount appropriated for fire department,	60 00
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Amount overdrawn,	\$35 54

ABATEMENTS.

A. W. Spencer,	\$17 17
Joseph A. Berry,	1 48
Jesse W. Peabody, on list 1892,	36 47
“ “ “ 1893,	41 02
Samuel A. Fletcher, “ 1889,	10 00
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	\$106 14

FIRST DISTRICT COURT.

Judge C. W. Richardson, services in Rodgers' fire in- quest,	\$9 00
Fred E. Campbell, fees on cases,	9 41
“ “ officer's fees in case 5570,	5 63
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	\$24 04

BUILDING TOWN VAULT.

Appropriation,	\$400 00
Paid George B. Flint, for labor and material, \$300 00	

Received of George E. Foster of Boston, door and vestibule, in exchange for town safe, leaving a cash balance in treasury, . . .	100 00
	—————\$400 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Newcomb & Gauss, printing Town Reports, . . .	\$36 50
Frank E. Moynahan, "	1 50
Danvers Water Board, water for town hall and cemetery, . . .	12 00
F. P. Merriam, storing hose carriage,	5 00
Fred E. Campbell, labor and material on Town Hall, . . .	6 09
M. E. Tyler, use of team for constable,	4 25
Samuel A. Fletcher, services and car fare in Hickey tax case,	2 42
George B. Flint, repairs on tramp house,	10 35
Farnham Stiles, keeping fence in repair six years, North school,	6 00
F. E. Moynahan, printing,	4 25
Newcomb & Gauss, printing school reports,	17 75
Robert S. Robson, repairing ballot box,	3 00
John M. Potter, printing cattle commissioners' notice, . . .	15 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, street lamps,	3 65
H. A. Wilkins, paper and envelopes,	90
Newcomb & Gauss, printing voting lists and order book, . . .	14 25
A. W. Peabody, services as inspector of cattle and meat, 1893 and 1894,	40 00
Samuel A. Fletcher, cash paid, postage and freight, . . .	4 06
J. J. Porter, furniture, Town Hall,	4 50
A. P. Tyler, administering oaths,	2 00
Fred E. Campbell, team and car fare, telephone, . . .	7 45
M. E. Tyler, moving safe,	75
John M. Peabody, care of street lamp,	12 00
John M. Peabody, returning deaths,	4 00
Jesse W. Peabody, discount on taxes,	290 78
Samuel A. Fletcher, administering oaths,	2 50
Jesse W. Peabody, tax book, postage, journeys out of town, car fare,	7 62
William T. Martin, horse hire, car fare and stationery, . . .	7 30
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	\$525 87

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Schools,	\$2,084 32
Incidental school expenses,	73 76
School books and supplies,	230 78
Highway department,	980 96
Bridges,	14 21
Removing snow,	211 70
Poor department,	1,036 43
Town officers,	566 95
State aid,	243 00
Soldiers' relief,	225 84
Town Hall account,	151 67
Cemetery,	109 05
Memorial day,	40 00
Fire department,	95 54
Forest fires,	170 17
Abatements,	106 14
First District Court expenses,	24 04
Town vault,	300 00
Town of Danvers, tuition for five pupils,	75 00
Shingling North School House,	82 45
Miscellaneous,	525 87
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	\$7,347 88

FLINT BOOK FUND.

NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON.

Amount received from executors of estate of Hon.

Charles L. Flint, \$5,000 00

INCOME ACCOUNT.

DR.

Balance on hand February, 1894,	\$289 18
Received for interest,	250 00
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	\$539 18

CR.

By cash paid for periodicals,	\$31 30
February, 1895, by balance unexpended,	507 88
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	\$539 18

FLINT BUILDING FUND.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF MIDDLETON.

Balance unexpended by last report,	\$165 37
To cash received for grass,	3 00
To cash received for apples,	2 50
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Amount on hand February, 1895,	\$170 87

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TAX COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT
WITH THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON.

DR.

Balance of tax list of 1889, as per last year's report,	\$36 52
Interest collected,	3 78
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	\$40 30

CR.

Amount paid Treasurer on tax list of 1889,	\$16 25
Amount uncollected,	24 05
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	\$40 30

DR.

Balance of tax list of 1890, as per last year's report,	\$286 73
Interest collected,	9 76
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	\$296 49

CR.

Amount paid Treasurer on tax list of 1890,	\$66 17
Uncollected,	230 32
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	\$296 49

DR.

Balance of tax list of 1891, as per last year's report,	\$448 19
Interest collected,	23 77
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	\$471 94

CR.

Amount paid Treasurer on tax list of 1891,	\$235 75
Uncollected,	236 19
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	\$471 94

JESSE W. PEABODY, TAX COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
TOWN OF MIDDLETON.

DR.

Balance of the tax list of 1892, as per last year's report,	\$1,082 71
Interest collected,	74 09
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	\$1,156 80

CR.

Amount paid Treasurer on tax list of 1892,	\$1,065 59
Uncollected on tax list of 1892,	91 21
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	\$1,156 80

DR.

Balance of tax list of 1893, as per last year's report,	\$2,641 23
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CR.

Amount paid Treasurer on tax list of 1893,	\$1,512 54
Uncollected on tax list of 1893,	1,128 69
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	\$2,641 23

DR.

Tax list of 1894,	\$8,405 71
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CR.

Paid Treasurer on tax list of 1894,	\$6,152 13
Uncollected on tax list of 1894,	2,253 58
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	\$8,405 71

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
TOWN OF MIDDLETON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING
FEBRUARY, 1895.

DR.

Balance in treasury, Feb., 1894,	\$ 678 67
Received of State Treasurer,	1,500 00
" " George A. Currier, two cemetery lots,	40 00
" " Porter I. Gould, cemetery lot,	20 00
" " Alfred Rier, cemetery lot,	7 00
" " George E. Rounds, cemetery lot,	3 50
" " John N. W. Severance, cemetery lot,	10 00
" " H. R. Peabody and F. Benitez, cemetery lot,	10 00
" " James Durrah, cemetery lot,	8 00
" " Town of Reading, pauper account,	3 30
" " State Treasurer, for burial of paupers,	10 00

Received of City of Lynn, pauper account, . . .	8 75
“ “ State Treasurer, for temporary support of paupers,	8 94
“ “ No. Reading, for use of road machine, . . .	5 00
“ “ John M. Peabody, use of town hall, . . .	6 00
“ “ Fred E. Campbell, use of town hall, . . .	148 00
“ “ J. F. Hayward, butcher's license, . . .	1 00
“ “ Alvin A. Wilkins, butcher license, . . .	1 00
“ “ John H. Morgan, butcher license, . . .	1 00
“ “ Jesse W. Peabody, for old lumber, . . .	2 00
“ “ Elijah Richardson, for old settees, . . .	1 00
“ “ Clerk of District court, for fines, . . .	1 00
“ “ County Treas., dog tax refunded, . . .	74 84
“ “ State Treas., for school fund, . . .	316 07
“ “ State Treas., for state aid, . . .	334 50
“ “ State Treas., for national bank tax, . . .	32 94
“ “ State Treas., for corporation tax, . . .	4 21
“ “ Town of Danvers, for regrading streets, . . .	5 60
“ “ S. A. Fletcher, on tax list of 1889, . . .	16 25
“ “ S. A. Fletcher, on tax list of 1890, . . .	66 17
“ “ S. A. Fletcher, on tax list of 1891, . . .	235 75
“ “ Jesse W. Peabody, on tax list of 1892, . . .	1,065 59
“ “ Jesse W. Peabody, on tax list of 1893, . . .	1,512 54
“ “ Jesse W. Peabody, on tax list of 1894, . . .	6,152 13
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	\$12,290 75

CR.

By cash paid for interest on notes,	\$105 00
“ “ “ State Treasurer, interest on notes, . . .	85 31
“ “ “ State Treasurer, 2 notes,	3,000 00
“ “ “ State Treasurer, state tax,	500 00
“ “ “ County Treasurer, county tax,	574 37
“ “ “ Flint Book Fund interest,	250 00
“ “ “ B. F. Emerson Fund interest,	40 00
“ “ “ on Overseers' orders,	1,036 43
“ “ “ on Selectmen's orders,	6,338 72
Balance in treasury,	360 92
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	\$12,290 75

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH SOPHRONIA
FULLER FUND.

Dr.

To cash received from estate of Sophronia Fuller,
income to be used in care of cemetery lot, . . . \$200 00

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The accounts examined by me are found to be correct and
properly vouched.

DANIEL WESTON, Auditor.

ASSESSORS' VALUATION OF PROPERTY.

Real Estate,	\$476,750 00
Personal Estate,	59,624 00
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	\$536,374 00

Number of polls, 231.

Rate of taxation, \$14.80 per 1,000.

Tax on polls,	\$462 00
Tax on real estate,	7,061 28
Tax on personal estate,	882 43
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	\$8,405 71

Amount voted for current expenses,	\$2,800 00
“ “ “ schools,	1,600 00
“ “ “ supplies,	200 00
“ “ “ incidental schools,	125 00
“ “ “ highways,	1,000 00
“ “ “ bridges,	25 00
“ “ “ cemetery,	125 00
“ “ “ Memorial day,	40 00
“ “ “ Library lot,	600 00
“ “ “ town vault,	400 00
“ “ “ liquor law,	50 00
“ “ “ firemen,	60 00
“ “ “ shingling North School house,	65 00

Amount voted for state tax,	500 00
“ “ “ county tax,	574 37
“ “ “ overlay on tax,	241 34
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	\$8,405 71

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Library, building and land,	\$14,000 00
Flint Public Library,	3,300 00
Town Hall,	5,400 00
School houses,	8,000 00
Lock-up,	500 00
Cemetery,	1,300 00
Hearse and hearse house,	800 00
Fire apparatus,	700 00
Gravel pit,	50 00
B. F. Emerson Fund,	10,000 00
C. L. Flint Book Fund,	5,000 00
Road machine,	200 00
School books in use,	350 00
Safes,	50 00
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	\$49,650 00

The Selectmen respectfully submit the following estimates of the sums necessary to be raised to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year, in addition to the annual appropriation of \$600.00 voted for the Library lot.

Current expenses,	\$2,200 00
Schools,	1,400 00
School books and supplies,	175 00
Incidental school expenses,	100 00
Highways,	800 00
Bridges,	50 00
Cemetery,	50 00
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	\$4,775 00

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of town notes on interest at 5 per cent.,	\$6,300 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ 4 “ “ .	2,000 00
“ due the schools,	311 03
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	\$8,611 03

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per treasurer's account,	\$360 92
Due from state on account of state aid,	246 00
School books on hand,	350 00
Due from No. Reading,	23 00
Due from Lynn,	59 17
Due from Beverly,	10 00
Due from state,	79 33
Amount of uncollected taxes, 1890,	230 32
“ “ “ “ 1891,	236 19
“ “ “ “ 1892,	91 92
“ “ “ “ 1893,	1,128 69
“ “ “ “ 1894,	2,253 58
Balance against the town,	3,541 91
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	\$8,611 03

JESSE W. PEABODY,	} Selectmen of Middleton.
WILLIAM T. MARTIN,	
ASA HOWE,	

MIDDLETON, Feb. 21st, 1895.

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

There is little to embody in a Report of our Library beyond what has been said in previous years.

We are still gratified to note the continued appreciation of the

advantages afforded by the use of books in the Library, particularly books of science, travels and general literature, and books of reference.

Transient residents often express themselves as very grateful for the Library privileges afforded them.

New books will be purchased soon and will be ready for delivery as early as practicable.

The Reading Room is increasingly patronized, and we are fortunate in being able to have a good selection of reading matter on our table.

The clock which has been placed on the mantle in the Reading Room is a pleasing and useful addition to our conveniences. The Dolgeville Herald is furnished us through the courtesy of Mr. W. S. Armstrong.

The following periodicals will be received during the year 1895: Century, Forum, New England Magazine, Cosmopolitan, Life, Public Opinion, Harper's Weekly, Munsey's Magazine, Review of Reviews, St. Nicholas, Scribner's Magazine, Youth's Companion.

Respectfully submitted,

ANSEL P. TYLER,	}	Trustees of Flint Public Library.
SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,		
H. HERBERT WILKINS,		
DARIUS W. CASE,		
JAMES FLINT,		
JESSE W. PEABODY,		

MIDDLETON, FEB. 19, 1895.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Books in Library Feb. 1, 1894,	4169
“ presented by Rev. W. P. Landers,	1
“ “ “ State Secretary,	3
“ “ “ U. S. Commission,	3
“ “ “ Mass. Board of Education,	1
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Whole number of Books, Feb. 1, 1895,	4177
Pamphlets received 1894.	
From Mr. H. P. Emerson,	1
“ Essex Bar Association,	1
“ Topsfield Library,	1

From Newton Library,	1
“ Hopedale “	1
“ Peabody Institute,	1
“ Salem Public Library,	1
“ American Library Ass’n,	1
“ U. S. Commissioners,	13
“ Mass. State Sec’y,	5

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Addition during the year to previous list of persons taking books, 50.

Whole number of books taken from the Library from Feb. 1, 1894 to Feb. 1, 1895, 6438.

Whole number of visitors registered in Library, from Feb. 1, 1894 to Feb. 1, 1895, 64.

Largest circulation in one month, March, 791

Number of days Library has been opened during the year, 101.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Librarian.

MIDDLETON, FEB. 1, 1895.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER IN ACCOUNT WITH FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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To services as Librarian and Janitor,	\$150 00
“ cash paid B. T. McGlauffin for coal,	45 72
“ “ “ Danvers Water Board,	7 00
“ “ “ Horace A. Brooks, rebinding books,	10 90
“ “ “ J. E. Ropes, furnace grate,	5 70
“ “ “ Gilbert & Barker, gasolene,	15 53
“ “ “ Augustus Shepard, care of lawn, etc.,	11 40
“ “ “ on four Insurance Policies,	69 00
“ “ “ M. J. Emerson. 1 cord wood,	3 00
“ “ “ M. E. Tyler, teaming gasolene,	50
“ “ “ bottle clock oil,	50
“ “ “ Philbrick & Perkins, paper,	94
“ “ “ gas chimneys,	37
“ “ “ mucilage, pens and postage,	56
“ “ “ E. R. Co., express and freight,	99
“ “ “ kerosene,	09

\$322 20

DR.

To cash from B. F. Emerson Fund,	\$308 94
“ “ “ Gilbert & Barker, gasoline bbls. re- turned,	2 00
“ “ from cards, catalogues and fines,	11 26
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	\$322 20

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

MIDDLETON, FEB. 1, 1895.

B. F. EMERSON FUND.

The Trustees of the Emerson Fund submit the following as their sixth annual report :

TOTAL AMOUNT OF INVESTMENT :

Atchison income bonds,	\$2,387 11
Atchison 4 per cent. bonds,	2,948 25
N. Y. and N. E. 6 per cent. bonds,	2,290 00
Town of Middleton, note,	800 00
Andover Savings Bank,	1,000 00
Danvers Savings Bank,	600 00
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	\$10,025 36

INCOME ACCOUNT :

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Balance from last year,	\$ 71 62
Interest on N. Y. & N. E. bonds,	120 00
“ “ Town note,	40 00
“ at Andover Bank,	236 91
“ “ Danvers Bank,	96 06
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	\$564 59

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Cash to S. A. Fletcher, librarian,	\$308 94
“ “ Safe deposit vault,	10 00
“ “ C. A. W. Crosby, for clock,	30 00
“ “ Augustus Shepard, care cemetery lot,	1 75
“ for car fare and expense to Boston,	

(S. A. Fletcher),	2 50	
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					\$353 19	
Balance on hand,	211 40	
					<hr/>	\$564 59

A. P. TYLER,	}	Trustees.
SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,		
M. J. EMERSON,		
M. E. TYLER,		
F. P. MERRIAM,		

The following list of persons qualified for Jurors, prepared and posted by the Selectmen, will be submitted to the Town at the annual town meeting, for revision and acceptance :

LEVERETT H. WILKINS,	JOSEPH W. RUSSELL,
GUSTAVUS H. TUFTS,	FRED W. GILES,
SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,	WILLIS W. ESTY,
HENRY E. HOWE,	CHARLES E. MASON,
ALLEN D. BRYER,	DANIEL WESTON,
M. J. EMERSON,	GEORGE B. FLINT,
JOHN M. PEABODY,	SYLVANUS FLINT,
FRANK L. ESTY,	MILTON W. BERRY.

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

TO FRED E. CAMPBELL, CONSTABLE FOR THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX.

Greeting :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on Monday, the fourth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To see if the town will revoke Sections 74-75-76-77 of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes and choose one or more Surveyors of Highways, on the petition of Farnham Stiles and nine others.

ART. 5. To vote on the question : Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town ? The vote will be by a separate ballot and the ballot shall be " Yes " or " No " in answer to said question.

ART. 6. To see if the town will make an appropriation for the valuation of the town to be taken this year.

ART. 7. To see how much money the town will raise to defray town charges the ensuing year, and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

ART. 8. To see what action the town will take in relation to discount and interest on taxes.

ART. 9. To act on the list of Jurors prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

ART. 10. To see what action the town will take in regard to letting the Town Hall.

ART. 11. To see what action the town will take in regard to the enforcement of the law against the sale of intoxicating liquors.

ART. 12. To see what action the town will take concerning the cemetery.

ART. 13. To see what regulations the town will make in regard to fishing in Middleton Pond.

ART. 14. To see what action the town will take for the prevention of fires, and in respect to the compensation of firemen.

ART. 15. To see what measures the town will adopt for the removal of snow from the sidewalks.

ART. 16. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to meet current expenses, in anticipation of taxes of the present year, and payable therefrom.

ART. 17. To see how much money the town will raise for the proper observation of Memorial Day.

ART. 18. To see what action the town will take in regard to the erection of a building upon the town lot, for the accommodation of the Hose Carriage, and make an appropriation for the same on the petition of Willis W. Esty and fourteen others.

ART. 19. To see what action the town will take in regard to adopting by-laws for the town, on the petition of Darius W. Case and sixteen others.

ART. 20. To see what action the town will take in regard to having a Flagman at the railroad crossing on Essex street near the Causeway bridge on the petition of Darius W. Case and twenty-one others.

ART. 21. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Twentieth day of February, A. D., 1895.

JESSE W. PEABODY,	} Selectmen of Middleton.
WILLIAM T. MARTIN,	
ASA HOWE,	

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF THE
TOWN OF MIDDLETON
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 21, 1896.

SALEM, MASS.
PRESS OF BARRY & LUFKIN.
1896.

TOWN REPORT.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Centre School.

Ira S. Price, teaching Grammar school,	\$ 55 00	
Mary H. Alcott, “ “ “	110 00	
Jennie Lee “ “ “	200 00	
Nellie C. Howe “ primary “	329 00	
Marion E. Tyler “ intermediate “	329 00	
Augustus Shepard, janitor,	43 00	
Roy S. Estey, sawing wood,	80	
L. H. Wilkins, wood,	3 00	
Asa Howe “	2 25	
C. P. Stiles “	2 50	
B. T. McGlauffin, coal,	8 68	
Pettingill & Barry, coal,	36 00	
John Bott, sawing wood,	1 75	
A. W. Peabody, wood,	2 50	
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		\$1,123 48

East School.

Annie P. Day, teaching school,	\$270 00	
Hattie J. Lake, “ “	45 00	
Florence Carlton, “ “	54 00	
Jessie L. Peabody, janitor,	5 00	
“ “ “ sawing wood,	1 25	
Willie Ogden, janitor,	5 00	
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$380 25	\$1,123 48

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$380 25	\$1,123 48
Willie Ogden, sawing wood,	1 25	
Arthur Page, janitor,	5 00	
“ “ sawing wood,	2 00	
Leverette H. Wilkins, wood,	2 00	
Daniel Fuller, “	3 50	
Pettingill & Barry, coal,	12 00	
G. P. Wilkins, use of well,	3 00	
		409 00

North School.

Hattie J. Lake, teaching,	\$279 00	
William D. Richardson, janitor,	22 00	
“ “ “ sawing wood,	75	
Pettingill & Barry, coal,	12 00	
L. H. Wilkins, wood,	2 50	
		316 25
		1,848 73
Town of Danvers tuition for six pupils,		165 00
		2,013 73
Balance due the schools,		399 20
		2,412 99
Balance due the schools last year,	\$ 383 19	
Town appropriation for schools,	1,600 00	
State school fund,	312 80	
Amount received for dog licenses,	117 00	
		\$2,412 99

Incidental School Expenses.

Appropriation,		\$75 00
Augustus Shephard, setting glass,	\$ 63	
L. H. Wilkins, two journeys to Boston and car fare,	6 12	
L. H. Wilkins, express,	1 90	
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$8 65	\$75 00

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$8 65	\$75 00
L. H. Wilkins, two journeys to Danvers,		
repairs on funnels,	2 50	
American Express Co.,	2 15	
B. F. Hill, lock and nails,	54	
J. A. Curtis, repairs on East school house,	3 00	
S. M. Peabody, teaming gravel,	1 00	
Cora Randall, cleaning North school house,	5 00	
C. P. Perkins, stove funnel damper,	6 44	
William D. Richardson, cleaning North		
school house,	50	
B. T. McGlauffin, cleaning vaults North		
and East,	2 50	
John Gage, cleaning two clocks, Centre,	2 75	
Hardy Bros., four windows,	8 00	
John Bott, care of fence,	1 00	
M. E. Tyler,	15 90	
W. W. Richardson, glass setting,	1 08	
L. H. Wilkins	89	
		61 90
Unexpended,		13 10

School Supplies.

E. A. Mackintire,	\$ 8 50	
King D. Merrill,	52 27	
E. E. Ball & Co.,	9 52	
American Book Co.,	90 66	
Thomson Brown & Co.,	9 48	
F. W. Ford,	1 05	
Ginn & Co.,	17 72	
Silver Burdett & Co.,	63	
Boston School Supply Co.,	1 80	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons,	6 06	
L. H. Wilkins,	2 25	
		199 94
Appropriation,		175 00
Amount overdrawn,		24 94

DEPT. OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

City of Malden care of Mrs. H. Mansfield,	\$104 00
City of Haverhill, aid for Joseph Paradise,	19 45
Town of Georgetown, aid for David P. Hutchinson,	104 00
City of Beverly, aid for Frank Wilkins,	32 67
Danvers Lunatic Asylum, board for Loren Goodwin,	45 49
George White, board of W. F. Perkins,	91 08
Town of Peabody, board of W. F. Perkins,	51 40
F. E. Campbell, journey to Melrose on account of W. F. Perkins,	2 40
B. T. McGlauflin, freight, express and moving goods of W. F. Perkins,	2 29
B. T. McGlauflin, use of team for W. F. Perkins,	3 00
Dr. F. Bowditch Chapman, medicine and medical attendance for Geo. Fuller,	23 75
Dr. F. Bowditch Chapman, medicine and medical attendance for Mrs. J. Colbey,	206 50
S. A. Fletcher, house rent for Joseph Colbey,	14 00
A. W. Peabody, wood for Joseph Colbey,	3 00
B. F. McGlauflin, coal for Joseph Colbey,	6 00
Mrs. James Ryer, nursing Mrs. Colbey,	50 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, groceries for Jos. Colbey,	26 00
J. F. Hayward, meat for Joseph Colbey,	7 26
Dr. F. Bowditch Chapman, medicine and medical attendance for Mrs. Lever,	15 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<i>\$807 29</i>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$807 29
H. E. Howe, cash to Mrs. Lever,	5 30
B. T. McGlauflin, coal Mrs. Lever,	25 95
B. T. McGlauflin, cash Mrs. Lever,	5 00
A. W. Peabody, wood and cash for Mrs. Lever,	15 00
Allen D. Bryer, cutting wood for Mrs. Lever,	6 00
C. A. Hutchinson, house rent for Mrs. Lever,	40 00
H. E. Howe, wood for Mrs. Dennis Wells,	6 00
B. T. McGlauflin, coal for Mrs. Wells,	12 72
Dean Fuller, wood for Mrs. Wells,	3 00
J. F. Hayward, meat for Mrs. Wells	16 22
John Wood, cutting wood for Mrs. Wells,	2 75
Fred Long cutting wood for Mrs. Wells,	1 50
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Mrs. Wells,	43 62
B. F. Gould, board for Mabel Corner,	10 50
Fred Long, board for Martha Shed,	42 00
Dr. F. Bowditch Chapman, medicine and medical attendance for George E. Thompson,	24 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, groceries for Geo. E. Thompson,	8 00
Dr. F. Bowditch Chapman, medical atten- dance and medicine for George Margeson,	28 50
H. E. Howe wood for Tramp House,	2 25
B. T. McGlauflin wood for Tramp House,	2 00
B. T. McGlauflin, coal for Tramp House	12 84
A. W. Peabody, wood for Tramp House,	2 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Tramp House,	38 19
H. E. Howe, lock for Tramp House,	75
John Gage, fitting lock on door of Tramp House,	50
B. T. McGlauflin, care of 902 tramps,	90 20
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$1,252 08

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,252 08	
Mrs. C. A. Hutchinson, house rent for Mrs. Smith,	25 00	
A. W. Peabody, wood and rubbers for Mrs. Smith,	4 15	
Otis Thomas, labor on garden for Mr. Smith,	1 50	
A. W. Peabody, cash for Mrs. Smith,	10 00	
Overseers of the poor cash for Mrs. Smith,	5 00	
H. E. Howe, cash for Mrs. Smith,	5 00	
B. T. McGlauffin, coal for Mrs. Smith,	9 72	
Ansel Nickerson, cutting wood for Mrs. Smith,	2 75	
F. L. Evans, counsel fees 1891,	10 00	
A. W. Peabody, services as overseer of the poor,	15 00	
H. Erskine Howe, services as overseer of the poor,	15 00	
H. E. Howe, car fare and cash paid,	2 25	
B. T. McGlauffin, services as overseer of the poor,	30 00	
B. T. McGlauffin, postage and cash paid,	3 00	
Whole am't of overseers orders drawn,		1,390 45
Unsettled bills of 1895,		39 00
		<u>\$1,429 45</u>
Due from Lynn on account of George E. Thompson,	\$ 32 00	
Due from Gloucester on account of Joseph Colby,	312 76	
Due from Topsfield on account of George Fuller,	23 75	
Due from Mass., on account of George Margeson,	28 50	
Due from Holden on account of Mabel Corner,	10 50	
Unsettled bills 1894 paid,	70 00	
Whole cost of supporting poor,	951 94	
		<u>\$1,429 45</u>

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. Almira Richardson, for land 1889,	\$ 4 16
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, oil and nails,	2 20
Pope Bros., lumber,	16 32
Allen D. Bryer,	22 76
Otis H. Rennard,	66 00
Chester Campbell,	5 17
Charles Darling,	12 83
William T. Martin,	32 00
John F. Higgins,	8 67
John Melcher,	2 25
Elisha Randall,	13 08
William Richardson,	11 58
Asa Howe, posts,	12 80
Fred S. Flint,	6 68
John B. Putney, gravel,	4 25
George Currier, “	35
H. E. Howe,	88 49
B. T. McGlaufflin,	3 92
Frank L. Estey,	86 33
Benj. F. Gould,	60 00
A. M. Richardson,	95 85
Edwin Currier,	4 50
David Milbury,	15 75
Frank Curtis,	1 50
W. H. Grothie, repairs,	1 85
D. W. Case,	2 85
Henry Rice,	1 00
John Curry,	1 50
John Melcher,	4 42
Albert Wilkins,	4 50
Mrs. Eunice Fletcher, gravel,	6 25
E. S. Hutchinson, gravel,	2 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<i>\$601 81</i>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$601 81	
Ralph Wilkins,	75	
F. L. Estey, services as road commissioner,	10 00	
E. S. Hutchinson, services as road commissioner,	5 00	
H. E. Howe, services as road commissioner,	10 00	
David Brown, gravel,	1 60	
F. L. Estey,	8 00	
Edwin Currier,	2 25	
B. F. Gould,	7 50	
H. E. Howe,	12 25	
B. T. McGlauffin,	1 00	
J. J. Grothie, repairs on road machine,	18 90	
		\$679 06
Amount of appropriation,		600 00
Overdrawn,		<u>\$ 79 06</u>

Bridges.

Appropriation,		\$100 00
F. L. Estey,	\$ 2 22	
B. F. Gould,	1 50	
H. E. Howe, labor cash paid,	6 46	
Asa Howe,	75	
Albert Wilkins,	75	
Pope Bros., lumber,	76 34	
		88 02
Unexpended,		<u>\$11 98</u>

Snow Bills.

Charles Darling,	\$ 8 20
A. M. Richardson,	7 00
B. T. McGlauffin,	1 80
F. L. Estey,	1 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$18 00</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$18 00
Charles F. Hayward,	4 80
H. E. Howe,	7 35
W. W. Estey,	3 60
Pope Bros., lumber for snowplow,	4 83
F. L. Estey, labor on plow,	4 00
F. L. Estey, cash paid for teaming,	50
James H. Gallagher, ironing snowplow,	7 00
W. H. Burns, " "	8 00

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SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

Town Officers.

Jesse W. Peabody, Selectman and Assessor,	\$75 00
Asa Howe, " " "	75 00
W. T. Martin, " " "	52 00
A. W. Peabody, " " "	23 00
Jesse W. Peabody, Registrar of Voters,	10 00
A. W. Peabody, " " "	10 00
Asa Howe, " " "	10 00
S. A. Fletcher " " "	10 00
S. A. Fletcher, Town Clerk,	8 00
S. A. Flecher, Town Treasurer,	25 00
S. A. Fletcher, recording Marriages, Births,	
Deaths,	15 00
M. E. Tyler, School Committee,	35 00
B. T. McGlauffin, School Committee,	30 00
L. H. Wilkins, School Committee,	30 00
Fred E. Campbell, Constable,	35 00
Jesse W. Peabody, Perambulating Town	
lines,	12 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$455 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$455 00	
Asa Howe, perambulating Town lines,	12 00	
F. L. Estey, Collector of Taxes,	50 00	
Fred Giles, Election Officer,	3 00	
B. T. McGlaflin, Election Officer,	3 00	
George F. Haskell, Auditor,	5 00	
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		\$528 00

State Aid Account.

Catherine Danforth,	\$24 00	
Sarah M. Mathews,	48 00	
Henry Peabody,	48 00	
Lydia M. Peabody,	48 00	
Benjamin W. Peabody,	72 00	
Josiah B. Peabody,	24 00	
Hugh Cook,	21 00	
Patrick Donnovan,	24 00	
Susan A. Stewart,	8 00	
Mary E. Manning,	4 00	
Benjamin W. Peabody, Jr.	9 00	
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		\$330 00

Soldiers' Relief.

Henry Peabody, coal and groceries,	\$29 38	
cott Wilkins, " " "	8 75	
Town of Melrose, house rent for W. F. Russell,	156 00	
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		\$194 13

Town Hall Department.

Fred E. Campbell, janitor,	\$92 90	
Fred E. Campbell, supplies,	4 35	
Fred E. Campbell, removing snow,	50	
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$97 75</u>	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$97 75	
Mrs. John Bott, cleaning Town Hall,	4 10	
Mrs. John Bott, labor on yard,	1 00	
Danvers Water Board,	6 00	
C. P. Perkins & Co. grate for furnace,	2 10	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies,	10 18	
B. T. McGlauffin, coal,	42 26	
		\$163 39
Cash received for income of hall,		121 25
Balance against the Town,		42 14

Cemetery.

John M. Peabody, labor on cemetery,	\$93 75	
“ “ Lumber and labor on fence,	37 09	
“ “ Removing snow,	3 20	
“ “ Repairing gate,	1 00	
“ “ Casket straps,	1 00	
“ “ Supt. of cemetery,	10 00	
“ “ Plants for cemetery,	3 00	
Danvers Water Board, water for cemetery,	6 00	
		\$155 04
Appropriation,		125 00
Overdrawn,		\$ 30 00

Memorial Day.

Appropriation,	\$40 00
Amount drawn by the committee,	40 00

Hose House.

J. N. Estey building hose house by contract,	\$275 00
Appropriation,	275 00

Fire Department.

A. H. Wilkins, supplies,	\$ 1 66	
B. T. McGlaulin, compensation to firemen,	60 00	
		\$61 66
Appropriation,		60 00
Overdrawn,		\$1 66

Forest Fires.

William H. Grothie,	\$46 90	
		\$108 56

Taking Town Valuation.

Appropriation,		\$200 00
Jesse W. Peabody,	\$50 00	
“ “ “ use of horse,	10 00	
W. T. Martin,	50 00	
Asa Howe,	50 00	
		160 00
Unexpended,		\$40 00

Abatement on Taxes.

F. W. Killam,	\$ 88	
Porter A. Gould,	7 30	
Susan A. Stewart,	45	
Jesse W. Peabody, abatement on tax list of 1892,	19 61	
S. A. Fletcher, abatement on tax list of 1889, '90, '91,	52 68	
Austin C. Peabody, abatement of taxes,	137 38	
		\$218 30

Abatement of Austin C. Peabody's taxes is for damages sustained on highway in 1893.

Miscellaneous.

B. F. Chapman, returning 10 births 1894,	\$ 2 50
F. W. Baldwin, " 7 "	1 75
Dr. Magee, " 3 "	75
State treasurer standard ink,	1 25
Whitman & Cass, property blanks,	9 25
Susan A. Beverly, storage of road machine,	2 00
Newcomb & Gauss, printing town and school reports,	52 50
F. P. Merriam, storing hose carriage,	6 25
Farnham Stiles, sealer of weights and measures,	5 00
W. T. Martin, stationery and journey out of town,	5 90
F. E. Monahan, printing,	1 50
Charles Darling, teaming gravel for Town Hall,	3 30
Edmond Dernier, lumber and labor at Town Hall,	72 00
Danvers water board, packing hydrants,	16 60
H. A. Wilkins, oils and wicks for street lamps,	3 44
H. A. Wilkins, stationery,	94
John M. Peabody, care of street lamps,	12 00
" " " returning 10 deaths,	2 50
A. W. Peabody, inspector of cattle and meat,	25 00
M. E. Taylor, taking school census,	4 00
" " " team for constable,	3 50
S. A. Fletcher, administering oaths,	4 00
" " " cash paid express, tele- phone and postage,	3 28
Asa Howe, journeys out of town, car fare and postage,	7 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$246 21</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$246 21	
Jesse W. Peabody, tax book, journeys out of town, car fare, express,	12 06	
F. L. Evans, for advice and written opinions,	109 80	
Augustus Shephard, labor and oil,	2 25	
Frank L. Estey, discount on taxes,	241 15	
Salem Daily Gazette for printing by-laws and publishing,	98 00	
F. L. Evans, examination of by-laws and paid clerk of courts,	24 50	
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		\$733 97

Police Department.

Fred E. Campbell, expenses in Goodwin case,	7 16	
Fred E. Campbell, police implements,	9 38	
“ “ “ Expenses in Beneticz case,	12 62	
Fred E. Campbell, telephone, car fare and postage,	1 48	
Oscar Cram, special police officer,	11 00	
M. E. Tyler, team for police,	3 50	
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		\$45 14

JOHNSON CASE.

Paid George E. Bousley,	\$445 14	
F. L. Evans,	289 40	
Charles A. Putnam, plan of East street,	16 00	
Frank A. Witham, witness fees,	3 52	
J. Henry Fletcher, “ “	3 52	
S. M. Peabody, “ “	9 90	
E. S. Hutchinson, “ “	5 54	
W. E. Sanford, “ “	3 52	
J. C. Metcalf, “ “	3 52	
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$780 06	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$780 06	
Paid G. Payson Wilkins, witness fees,	3 52	
S. A. Fletcher, " "	3 52	
J. W. Peabody, services,	10 00	
M. E. Tyler, team, services,	1 50	
Asa Howe, team, services,	10 00	
W. T. Martin, team, services,	10 00	
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		\$818 60
Appropriation,		500 00
Overdrawn,		<hr/>
		\$318 60

Summary of Expenses.

Schools,	\$2,013 73	
Incidental school expenses,	61 90	
School books and supplies,	199 94	
Highway department,	679 06	
Bridges,	88 02	
Removing snow and building two snow plows,	58 08	
Poor department,	1,390 45	
Town officers,	523 00	
State aid,	330 00	
Soldiers' relief,	194 13	
Town hall account,	163 39	
Cemetery,	155 04	
Memorial Day,	40 00	
Fire department,	61 66	
Forest fires,	46 90	
Abatements,	218 30	
Miscellaneous,	733 97	
Police department,	45 14	
Hose House,	275 00	
Johnson case,	818 60	
Taking Town valuation,	160 00	
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		\$8,256 31

Flint Book Fund.

NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON.

Amount received of Executors of estate of Hon. C. L. Flint,	\$5,000 00
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INCOME ACCOUNT.

DR.

Balance unexpended, 1895,	\$507 88	
Received for interest of Town,	250 00	
Interest due at Savings Bank,	22 32	
		\$780 20

CR.

To cash paid DeWolfe, Fisk & Co., books,	\$274 68	
D. Appleton & Co., books,	10 00	
Estes & Lauriat, books,	1 67	
For periodicals,	34 90	
To balance unexpended Feb., '96,	458 95	
		\$780 20

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, treasurer, in account with Sophronia Fuller Fund.

DR.

To cash received from the estate of Sophronia Fuller for maintenance of cemetery lot,	\$200 00
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INCOME ACCOUNT.

DR.

To interests received of Savings Bank,	\$4 00
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CR.

To cash paid Thomas Carlin for work on S. Fuller lot,	\$4 00
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SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, treasurer, in account with P. B. Russell Fund.

DR.

To cash received of Mrs. P. B. Russell for maintenance of cemetery lot,	\$100 00
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Flint Building Fund.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, treasurer, in account with 'Town of Middleton.

DR.

Amount on hand Feb. 1895,	\$170 87	
To cash received for grass,	2 00	
Interest due at Savings Bank,	3 40	
	<hr/>	\$176 27

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, tax collector, in account with the Town of Middleton.

DR.

Balance of tax list of 1889 as per last year's report,	\$24 05	
Interest collected,	3 27	
	<hr/>	\$27 32

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list of 1889,	\$ 5 27	
Amount uncollected,	22 05	
	<hr/>	\$27 32

DR.

Balance of tax list of 1890 as per last year's report,	\$230 32	
Interest collected,	18 14	
	<hr/>	\$248 46

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list of 1890,	\$118 79	
Amount uncollected	<u>129 67</u>	\$248 46

DR.

Balance of tax list of 1891 as per last year's report,	236 19	
Amount uncollected,	<u>6 28</u>	\$242 47

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list of 1891,	\$146 60	
Uncollected,	<u>95 87</u>	\$242 47

JESSE W. PEABODY, tax collector, in account with the Town of Middleton.

DR.

Balance of the tax list of 1892 as per last year's report,	\$91 21	
Interest collected,	<u>11 00</u>	\$102 21

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list, 1892,	72 74	
Uncollected on tax list of 1892,	<u>29 47</u>	\$102 21

DR.

Balance of the tax list of 1893 as per last year's report,	\$1,128 69	
Interested collected,	<u>70 66</u>	\$1,199 35

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list of 1893,	\$907 36	
Uncollected on tax list of 1893,	<u>291 99</u>	\$1,199 35

Dr.

Balance of tax list of 1894 as per last year's report,	\$2,253 58
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Cr.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list of 1894,	\$680 40
Uncollected on tax list of 1894,	1,573 18
	<u>\$2,253 58</u>

FRANK L. ESTEY, in account with Town of Middleton as tax collector,

Dr.

To tax list of 1895,	\$7,601 84
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Cr.

By amount paid treasurer on list of 1895,	\$5,327 81
Amount uncollected,	2,274 03
	<u>\$7,601 84</u>

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, treasurer in account with the Town of Middleton for the year ending Feb. 1896.

Balance in treasury,	\$360 92
Rec'd from city of Lynn,	59 17
“ “ clerk of first district court,	4 75
“ “ North Reading,	14 00
“ “ city of Lawrence,	29 50
“ “ Danvers Savings Bank by note,	2500 00
“ “ Elias Wheelock, cemetery lot,	10 00
“ “ Laura J. Fuller,	6 00
“ “ Grace T. Richardson,	7 00
“ “ George F. Haskell,	20 00
“ for gravel sold,	1 00
“ from first district court,	15 00
“ “ M. E. Tyler, for shingles sold,	3 75
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$3,031 09</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$3,031 09
Rec'd from H. E. Howe, old plank sold,	80
“ “ Clerk, first district court,	7 64
“ “ Pope Bros., discount on bill,	2 69
“ “ state treasurer, temporary support paupers,	42 33
Rec'd from state treasurer, burial of state paupers,	15 00
Rec'd from state treasurer, support of state paupers,	37 00
Rec'd from state treasurer, income Mass. school fund,	312 80
Rec'd from state treasurer, corporation tax,	5 45
“ “ “ “ National bank tax,	38 06
Rec'd from state treasurer, state aid,	243 00
“ “ County treasurer, dog tax refunded,	117 00
Rec'd from Town of Lynnfield, work on forest fires in 1894,	5 00
Rec'd from Fred E. Campbell for old lumber,	1 00
Rec'd from Alvin A. Wilkins, for butcher's license,	1 00
Rec'd from Danvers Savings bank,	1,200 00
“ “ Fred E. Campbell, for use of hall,	121 25
Rec'd from S. A. Fletcher, on tax list of 1889,	5 27
Rec'd from S. A. Fletcher, on tax list of 1890,	118 79
Rec'd from S. A. Fletcher, on tax list of 1891,	146 60
Rec'd from Jesse W. Peabody, on tax list of 1892,	72 74
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$5,524 51</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$5,524 51	
Rec'd from Jesse W. Peabody, on tax list of 1893,	907 36	
Rec'd from Jesse W. Peabody, on tax list of 1894,	680 40	
Rec'd from Frank L. Estey, on tax list of 1895,	5327 81	
	<hr/>	\$12,440 08
CR.		
To cash paid C. A. Berry on note,	\$300 00	
“ “ “ for interest on notes,	108 44	
“ “ “ B. F. Emerson fund, interest,	40 00	
To cash paid, Flint book fund,	250 00	
“ “ “ State treasurer, state tax,	315 00	
“ “ “ County treasurer, county tax,	498 63	
To cash paid Danvers Savings bank on note,	2500 00	
To cash paid Danvers Savings bank, interest on note,	50 00	
To cash paid on selectmens' orders,	6867 71	
“ “ “ “ overseers' orders,	1390 45	
Balance in treasury,	119 85	
	<hr/>	\$12,440 08

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, *Treasurer.*

Auditor's Report.

The accounts examined by me are found to be correct and properly vouched.

GEORGE F. HASKELL, *Auditor.*

Assessors Valuation of Property.

Real estate,	\$484,472 00	
Personal estate,	70,985 00	
		<u>\$555,457 00</u>
Number of polls, 246.		
Rate of taxation, 12.80 per 1,000.		
Tax on polls,	\$ 492 00	
Tax on real estate,	6,201 24	
Tax on personal,	908 60	
		<u>\$7,601 84</u>
Amount voted for current expenses,	2200 00	
Schools,	1,600 00	
Supplies,	175 00	
Incidentals schools,	75 00	
Highways,	600 00	
Bridges,	100 00	
Cemetery,	125 00	
Memorial day,	40 00	
Library lot,	600 00	
Firemen,	60 00	
Taking the valuation of the Town,	200 00	
Hose carriage house,	275 00	
John Smith,	500 00	
State tax,	315 00	
County tax,	498 63	
Overlay on taxes,	238 21	
		<u>\$7,601 84</u>

Schedule of Town Property.

Library building and land	\$14,000 00
Flint public library,	3,300 00
Town hall,	5,400 00
School houses,	8,000 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$30,700 00</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$30,700 00
Lock up,	500 00
Cemetery,	1,300 00
Hearse and hearse house,	800 00
Fire apparatus and hose house,	1,000 00
Gravel pit,	50 00
B. F. Emerson fund,	10,025 36
C. L. Flint book fund,	5,000 00
Road machine,	200 00
School books in use,	400 00
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	\$49,975 36

Financial Condition of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of Town notes on interest at 5 per cent.,	6,000 00
Amount of Town notes on interest at 4 per cent.,	2,000 00
Danvers Savings Bank $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent,	1,200 00
Due the schools,	399 20
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	\$9,599 20

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per treasurer's account,	\$119 85
Due from State on account State aid,	330 00
School books on hand,	400 00
Due from city of Lynn,	32 00
Due from city of Gloucester,	312 76
Due from State,	28 50
Due from Town of Topsfield aid account,	23 75
Due from Town of Holden aid account,	10 50
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$1,257 36

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,257 36	
Amount of uncollected taxes, 1889,	22 05	
“ “ “ 1890,	129 67	
“ “ “ 1891,	95 87	
“ “ “ 1892,	29 47	
“ “ “ 1893,	291 99	
	1894,	1,573 18
	1895,	2,305 07
Balance against the Town,	3,894 54	
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		\$9,599 20
Increase of the Town debt, \$352 82.		

JESSE W. PEABODY,	}	<i>Selectmen of Middleton.</i>
ANDREW W. PEABODY,		
ASA HOWE,		

MIDDLETON, Feb. 24, 1896.

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

We are glad to report a satisfactory use of the library during the past year, and while the number of books taken from the library is less than in the previous year, it naturally follows our decrease in population.

Quite a number of families have removed from town who were taking books from our library and one of these families averaged the taking of about three hundred books per year.

We are pleased to note that some of our young people are confining their reading to works of history and travel, thus storing their minds with useful information.

We cannot refrain from taking this opportunity to congratulate the people of this community that the advantages of a free library are placed within their reach, by the foresight and kindness of one, who no doubt often longed for just such advantages in his early days, but who improved every opportunity and by diligent application attained a position of honor and usefulness.

We have received from the estate of Rev. Henry J. Richardson one hundred and fifteen volumes including an Official Record of Union and Confederate Armies of the War of the Rebellion contained in ninety volumes besides thirty-two maps which will be valuable for reference.

Some of the new books have been bulletined for some time, and we had confidently expected that the printed supplement would have been in circulation before this time, but we met with an unexpected delay at the printers.

The following periodicals will be received during the year 1896 : Atlantic Monthly, McClure's Magazine, Century, Forum, New England Magazine, Cosmopolitan, Life, Public Opinion, Harper's Weekly, Munsey's Magazine, Review of Reviews, St. Nicholas, Scribner's Magazine, Youth's Companion.

Respectfully submitted.

ANSEL P. TYLER,
SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,
H. Herbert Wilkins,
DARIUS W. CASE,
JAMES FLINT,
JESSE W. PEABODY,

*Trustees of
Flint
Public Library.*

MIDDLETON, Feb. 24, 1896.

Librarian's Report.

Books in the Library, Feb., 1895,	4,177
New Books purchased,	270
Received from estate of Rev. H. J. Richardson,	115
Received from Miss A. Purington, Lynn,	1
Received from Rev. W. P. Landers,	1
Received from Mass. Secretary of State	6
Whole number of books in library Feb., 1896,	4,570
Pamphlets received 1895.	
From Salem Public Library,	1
From United States Commissioners, Ed.,	7
New names added to the list of persons taking books from library,	47
Whole number of books taken from Library from Feb. 1, '95, to Feb. 1 '96,	5,225
Number of visitors registered in library from Feb. 1, '95 to Feb. 1, '96,	65

Largest circulation in one month, April,	558
Smallest circulation in one month, Jan. '96,	352
Number of days library has been open during the year,	103

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Librarian.

MIDDLETON, Feb. 1, 1896.

Samuel A. Fletcher in account with Flint Public Library.

CR.

To services as librarian and janitor,	\$150 00
To cash paid B. T. McGlauffin, coal.	48 00
“ “ “ Danvers water board,	7 00
“ “ “ H. A. Brooks, rebinding books,	13 60
To cash paid F. J. Barnard, rebinding books,	8 26
To cash paid Gilbert & Barker, gasoline,	16 72
“ “ “ J. W. Curry, care of lawn,	16 50
“ “ “ “ “ “ trimming trees,	5 85
“ “ “ M. J. Emerson, wood,	3 00
“ “ “ Ætna Ins. Co., insurance on books,	25 00
To cash paid L. P. Fletcher, preparing supplement,	12 00
To cash paid M. E. Tyler, teaming,	1 05
“ “ “ American Express Co.,	1 65
“ “ “ E. R. R., freight,	75
“ “ “ Philbrick & Perkins, paper,	1 85
“ “ “ Stamp, ink pad and postage,	1 22
“ “ “ Chimneys and kerosene,	32
“ “ “ Ladder,	1 50
“ “ “ Car fare to Boston,	2 08

\$316 35

DR.

To cash received, for cards and fines,	\$7 12	
“ “ “ Gilbert & Barker, barrels returned,	1 60	
To cash received, B. F. Emerson fund,	307 63	
		<u>\$316 35</u>

B. F. Emerson Fund.

The trustees of the Emerson Fund submit the following as their seventh annual report.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF INVESTMENT :

Atchison income bonds,	\$2,387 11	
Atchinson 4% bonds,	2,048 25	
N. Y. & N. E. R. R., 6% bonds,	2,290 00	
Town of Middleton note,	800 00	
Andover savings bank,	1,000 00	
Danvers savings bank,	600 00	
		<u>\$10,025 36</u>

INCOME ACCOUNT :

DR.

Total balance on hand Feb. 1895,	\$211 40	
Interest on N. Y. & N. E. R. R.,	120 00	
“ “ Town note,	40 00	
“ at Andover bank,	42 88	
“ “ Danvers bank,	28 00	
Special interest,	13 12	
		<u>\$455 40</u>

CR.

To cash paid to S. A. Fletcher on library account,	307 63	
To cash paid for safe deposit vault,	10 00	
“ “ “ A. Shepard care of Emerson cemetery lot,	1 20	
Balance on income,	136 57	
		455 40

A. P. TYLER,	} Trustees.
S. A. FLETCHER,	
M. J. EMERSON,	
M. E. TYLER,	
F. P. MERRIAM.	

List of Jurors.

The following list of persons qualified for Jurors prepared and posted by the Selectmen, will be submitted to the town at the annual town meeting, for revision and acceptance.

Leverett H. Wilkins,	Joseph W. Russell,
Gustavus H. Tufts,	Fred W. Giles,
Samuel A. Fletcher,	Loren G. Esty,
Henry E. Howe,	Charles E. Mason,
Allen D. Bryer,	Daniel Weston,
John M. Peabody,	George B. Flint,
Frank L. Esty,	Sylvanus Flint,
Charles A. Fletcher,	Francis E. Batchelder.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

TO FRED E. CAMPBELL, CONSTABLE FOR THE TOWN OF MIDDLE-
TON IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX : GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Monday, the ninth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will revoke the acceptance of Sections 74, 75, 76, 77, of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes, on the petition of Benjamin T. McGlaulin and twelve others.

ART. 5. To vote on the question, Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town ; the vote will be by separate ballot and the ballot shall be Yes or No in answer to said question.

ART. 6. To see if the town will increase the Board of School Committee by electing two or more persons, on petition of Frank L. Estey and twenty-three others.

ART. 7. To see what action the town will take to have the School committee appoint a superintendent, on petition of Frank L. Estey and twenty-three others.

ART. 8. To see if the town will provide suitable curtains and footlights for the stage at the upper Town hall, on petition of D. J. Nash and twenty-three others, and make appropriation for the same.

ART. 9. To see if the town will have cut on the town lots what wood that will be necessary to support the fires in the school houses and public buildings in said town the ensuing year, and have the same hauled to the lockup to be sawed and split by persons applying for a night's lodging ; on petition of John W. Demsey and twenty-three others.

ART. 10. To see if the firemen shall be re-imbursed for labor done in the Town of Peabody, putting out forest fires in 1894.

ART. 11. To see if the town will extend the water pipes in the cemetery and make appropriation for the same.

ART. 12. To see what action the town will take in regard to having the hearse painted and varnished.

ART. 13. To see if the town will put a new floor and new single seats in the intermediate room in the Centre School house and make appropriation for the same.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to paint the school houses the ensuing year and make appropriation for same.

ART. 15. To see how much money the town will raise to pay the tuition of the High school pupils.

ART. 16. To see how much money the town will raise to defray town charges the ensuing year and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

ART. 17. To see what action the town will take in relation to discount on interest on Taxes.

ART. 18. To act on the list of Jurors prepared and posted by the selectmen.

ART. 19. To see what action the town will take in regard to letting the Town Hall.

ART. 20. To see what action the town will take in regard to the enforcement of law in regard to the sale of intoxicating liquors.

ART. 21. To see what action the town will take concerning the Cemetery.

ART. 22. To see what action the town will take for the prevention of fires and in respect to compensation of firemen.

ART. 23. To see what measures the town will adopt for the removal of snow from the sidewalks.

ART. 24. To see how much money the town will raise for the proper observance of Memorial day.

ART. 25. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer under the direction of the Selectmen to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to meet current expenses in anticipation of Taxes of the present year and payable therefrom.

ART. 26. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the Taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed may use.

ART. 27. To see what action the town will take with regard to assisting any firm that might be induced to occupy the association shoe factory, on petition of B. T. McGlaulin and seven others.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall and one at the Centre post office and one at the post office in South Middleton, in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 25th day of February A. D. 1896.

JESSE W. PEABODY,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
ANDREW W. PEABODY,		of
ASA HOWE,		<i>Middleton.</i>

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF THE
TOWN OF MIDDLETON
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 19, 1897.

SALEM, MASS.
PRESS OF BARRY & LUFKIN.
1897.



TOWN REPORT.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Centre School.

Jennie A. Lee, teaching grammar school,	\$379 00	
Nellie C. Howe, " primary " "	355 00	
Marion E. Tyler, " intermediate "	45 00	
Gertrude H. Tibbetts, teaching intermediate school,	279 00	
Augustus Shepard, janitor,	66 75	
Lehigh Weeks Coal Co.,	62 24	
A. D. Bryer, sawing wood,	2 25	
John Bott, " "	75	
A. W. Peabody, "	5 00	
B. T. McGlauflin, coal,	3 00	
" " " fuel,	9 25	
Wood, ,	19 25	
		\$1,226 49

East School.

Florence Carleton, teaching school,	\$153 00	
Elizabeth Hoar, " "	171 00	
Arthur Page, janitor,	7 50	
" " "	5 00	
H. Curtis and O. Page, sawing wood,	2 90	
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$339 40	\$1,226 49

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$339 40	\$1,226 49
Arthur Margerson, janitor,	2 80	
Jesse L. Peabody, “	2 50	
Lehigh & Weeks Coal Co.,	20 82	
Wood,	6 75	
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		372 27

North School.

Hattie I. Lake, teaching,	\$324 00	
Ralph Wilkins, janitor,	11 00	
John Bott, “	8 33	
W. W. Richardson, sawing wood,	98	
Lehigh Weeks Coal Co.,	20 82	
B. T. McGlaulin, coal,	6 00	
Wood,	5 50	
Elisha Randall, use of well,	2 00	
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		1,977 39
Balance due the schools,		462 55
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		2,439 94

Balance due the schools last year,	\$ 399 20	
Town appropriation,	1,600 00	
State school fund,	330 06	
Amount received for dog license,	110 68	
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		\$2,439 94

High School Department.

Special appropriation Oct. 28, 1896 to be assessed in 1897,	\$300 00
Paid to the town of Danvers for tuition of twelve (12) pupils,	270 00
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Unexpended appropriation,	\$30 00

Incidental School Expenses.

George B. Flint, repairs on school houses,	\$14 00	
Augustus Shepard, " " " "	13 65	
M. Harriman, cleaning school, East,	5 00	
Mrs. John Bott, " " North,	5 10	
John Gage, " clocks,	4 00	
John Bott, care of fence,	1 00	
Oscar Cram, truant officer,	4 00	
M. E. Tyler,	23 31	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons,	10 11	
Florence Carleton,	32	
		80 49
Appropriation,		75 00
Amount overdrawn,		\$5 49

School Supplies.

J. L. Hammett & Co.,	\$132 99	
American Book Co.,	5 28	
Wener School Book Co.,	10 68	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	45 36	
Ginn & Co.,	2 80	
Thomson, Brown & Co.,	3 95	
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	1 23	
Mr. J. B. Brow,	2 50	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies,	2 25	
		\$207 04
Appropriation,		200 00
Amount overdrawn,		\$7 04

DEPT. OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Dr. Chapman, medical attendance for J.	
Colbey,	\$ 366 50
Dr. Niles, medical attendance for J.	
Colbey,	175 50
Mrs. Ryer, nursing for J. Colbey,	25 72
Mrs. Bannister, nursing for J. Colbey,	55 72
Mrs. Rull, " " "	123 40
Mrs. Wharff, " " "	67 00
Lena Miron, " " "	15 00
Rebecca Crosby, " " "	54 00
S. A. Fletcher, house rent for J. Colbey,	77 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, provisions for J.	
Colbey,	54 00
J. F. Hayward, provisions for J. Colbey,	35 92
Love & Russell, coal for J. Colbey,	6 50
A. A. Wilkins, groceries for J. Colbey,	6 00
A. W. Peabody, wood " "	6 00
B. T. McGlaufflin, coal " "	6 00
Town of Middleton, wood for J. Colbey,	19 00
Pettingill & Barry, coal " "	13 00
Dr. Baldwin, medical attendance for Mrs.	
Lever,	24 00
Dr. F. B. Chapman, medical attendance	
for Mrs. Lever,	8 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, goods for Mrs.	
Lever,	1 00
Mrs. C. A. Hutchinson, house rent for Mrs.	
Lever,	12 00
B. T. McGlaufflin, coal for Mrs. Lever,	5 25
Mary E. French, nursing for Mrs. Lever,	24 00
Mrs. Rand, " " " "	18 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$1,198 51

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,198 51
Mrs. Bott, watching with Mrs. Lever,	7 50
Mrs. John L. Peabody, cleaning house for Mrs. Lever,	2 55
John M. Peabody, casket and funeral ex- penses for Mrs. Lever,	56 00
A. W. Peabody, cash paid Mrs. Lever,	11 22
Mrs. Thompson, aid for Mrs. Chas. Cross,	5 00
A. A. Wilkins, supplies for Mrs. Chas. Cross,	2 01
Fred Long, board for Martha Shedd,	13 00
B. F. Gould, board for Mary L. Connor,	31 50
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, goods for Mary L. Connor,	1 00
J. H. Durrah, board for James Durrah,	7 00
Dr. Chapman, professional services,	20 00
John M. Peabody, burial,	7 00
Mrs. C. A. Hutchinson, house rent for Mrs. Smith,	14 56
Dr. Shatswell, medical attendance for Mrs. Smith,	6 00
L. T. McGlauffin, repairing clothes for Mrs. Smith,	1 50
F. E. Batchelder, services as auctioneer for Mrs. Smith,	2 00
Mrs. Mary Abbott, cleaning house for Mrs. Smith,	1 25
A. W. Peabody, cash furnished Mrs. Smith,	12 00
Mrs. William Q. Richardson, nursing Mrs. Smith,	10 00
William Q. Richardson, vegetables for Mrs. Smith,	1 60
Dr. Chapman, medical attendance for Mrs. William Freeman,	43 50
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$1,454 70

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,454 70	
Dr. E. H. Niles, medical attendance for		
Mrs. William Freeman,	18 00	
City of Malden, medical attendance and		
supplies for Mary Mansfield,	179 75	
City of Beverly, supplies for Frank Wil-		
kins,	27 25	
Town of Georgetown, board of David		
Hutchinson,	104 00	
Town of Peabody, board and clothing for		
Frank L. Perkins,	39 56	
Town of Peabody board for Mrs. Smith,	42 50	
“ “ Danvers, aid for W. A. Melcher,	107 87	
B. F. McGlauflin, care of 272 tramps,	27 20	
A. W. Peabody, wood for tramp house,	5 50	
F. H. Benitez, locking up 357 tramps,	17 85	
F. H. Benitez, working tramps,	24 50	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for tramp		
house,	37 05	
State of Massachusetts, for error in not		
transmitting pauper returns,	13 00	
George Fuller, board for James Durrah,	1 00	
H. E. Howe, wood for Mrs. Wells,	3 00	
J. F. Hayward, meat “ “ “	9 76	
John Gage, sawing wood for Mrs. Wells,	3 10	
Dr. Shatswell, medical attendance for Mrs.		
Wells,	1 50	
F. E. Batchelder, use of team for trip to		
Georgetown,	2 50	
B. T. McGlauflin, services as overseer		
from Oct. 5, 1896 to Mar. 8, 1897,	9 25	
A. W. Peabody, services as overseer,	20 00	
Fred W. Giles, “ “ “	20 00	
Whole am't of overseers orders drawn,		\$2,168 84
Outstanding bills of 1896,		75 00
		<hr/> \$2,243 84

Due from Gloucester on account of J. Colbey,	\$920 35	
Due from Holden on account of Mary L. Connor,	32 50	
Cash refunded the town,	22 00	
Due from Tewksbury on acct. of Martha Shedd,	13 00	
Due from State on acct. of James Derrah,	8 00	
“ “ North Reading on acct. of Mrs. Charles Cross,	7 01	
Unsettled bill of 1895 paid,	39 00	
Whole cost of supporting the poor,	1,201 98	
		\$2,243 84

WOOD AND TRAMP DEPARTMENT.

DR.

Fred Long, cutting 8½ cords of wood,	\$7 65	
Allen White, “ 11 “ “ “	9 90	
Charles Cross, drawing “	7 87	25 42
Value of wood on stump,	20 00	
A. W. Peabody, wood,	5 50	
H. A. Wilkins, supplies,	37 05	
B. T. McGlauffin, care of 272 tramps,	27 07	
B. H. Benitez, locking up 357 “	17 85	
“ “ “ working “	24 50	
		\$157 39

CR.

Wood delivered to East school, ½ cord,	\$6 75	
“ “ “ North “ 1 cord,		
sawed and split,	5 50	
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$12 25	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$12 25	
Wood delivered to Centre school, 3½		
cords sawed and split,	19 25	
Wood delivered to Colby family, 4 cords,		
sawed and split,	19 00	
Wood delivered to Mrs. Wells, 3½ cords,		
sawed and split,	19 25	
Wood delivered to Frank Benitez, ½		
cord, sawed and split,	2 75	
Wood delivered to Henry Peabody, 1½		
cords, sawed and split,	8 25	80 75
Whole cost of tramps for current year,		76 64
		<hr/> \$157 39

BOARD OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

F. B. Chapman, professional service in	
T. Davis case,	\$ 75 00
F. B. Chapman, casket and burial,	15 00
“ “ property destroyed,	9 00
Peter Charon, services as nurse,	12 50
“ “ clothing destroyed,	17 50
John M. Peabody, burial of T. Davis,	2 00
“ “ “ “ “ child,	12 00
A. D. Bryer, digging grave, for child,	2 00
F. B. Chapman, professional service in J.	
F. Dority case,	52 50
F. B. Chapman, professional services in	
Weaver case,	116 00
F. B. Chapman, professional service in	
Weaver case,	52 00
F. B. Chapman, service procuring nurse,	5 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$370 50

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$370 50	
Carrie D. Heeny, service as nurse,	18 00	
F. B. Chapman, professional service and medicine for Bessie Weaver,	114 00	
H. A. Wilkins, supplies for Weaver,	26 44	
J. F. Hayward, provisions for Weaver,	8 87	
L. B. Hayward, milk for Weaver,	4 08	
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		\$541 89
Amount due from North Andover,	\$403 89	
“ “ “ the State,	138 00	
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		\$541 89

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

B. T. McGlauflin,	\$145 63
John P. Fuller,	113 61
Allen D. Bryer,	75 16
C. W. Darling,	63 83
B. F. Gould,	64 66
Ansel Nickerson,	30 00
J. H. Derrah,	57 91
John L. Peabody,	48 91
W. C. Hayward,	75
Frank Curtis,	28 15
Daniel Faulkner,	4 50
L. M. Brown,	4 50
Charles Cross,	1 50
Will Margeson,	3 00
John Gage,	1 00
Levi Curtis,	3 16
William Freeman,	2 25
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$648 52

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$648 52	
Moses Wedgwood,	1 50	
John H. Newhall,	18 83	
Austin C. Peabody,	1 00	
Louie Buxton,	1 50	
Oscar Cram,	139 00	
George Tyler & Co., supplies,	13 00	
C. A. Lawrence, drain pipe,	44 66	
Oscar Cram, teaming pipe,	1 50	
Pope Bros., lumber,	8 19	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies,	84	
A. W. Peabody posts,	75	
G. A. Currier, gravel,	7 85	
Lyman Darling, gravel,	6 15	
J. W. Russell, gravel,	70	
Oscar Cram, use of team, .	19 50	
J. L. Gallagher, repairs,	6 10	
C. W. Darling,	2 00	
		921 59
Unexpended appropriation,		78 41
		<u>\$1000 00</u>

Bridges.

Amount of appropriation,		\$100 00
Oscar Cram,	\$3 75	
Will C. Hayward,	67	
George Soper,	1 00	
		5 42
Unexpended,		<u>\$94 58</u>

Removing Snow.

B. T. McGlauflin,	\$17 15
John P. Fuller,	2 70
J. J. H. Gregory,	5 00
L. Bushaw,	1 00
John W. Dempsey,	4 00
Hazen K. Richardson,	9 50
Charles Hayward,	6 60
M. E. Tyler,	4 20
George E. Soper,	3 60
Charles Brown,	3 80
L. N. Brown,	5 50
William C. Hayward,	10 09
Harry Collins,	2 30
Maurice Margeson,	1 00
George Margeson,	1 65
Frank Margeson,	1 50
Fred Goodwin,	1 50
John Higgins,	1 20
H. Davis,	60
Oscar Cram,	20 54
Henry Fletcher,	1 00
Will Gould,	1 00
George Gould,	1 00
Loren Goodwin,	1 00
C. O. Floyd,	1 80
C. W. Darling,	2 40
Otis H. Rennard,	80
Frank L. Estey,	15 70
E. T. Hutchinson,	36 30
Henry E. Howe,	6 10
B. T. McGlauflin,	3 00

\$173 53

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

Town Officers.

Jesse W. Peabody, Selectman and Assessor,	\$75 00
Andrew W. Peabody, " " "	75 00
William T. Martin, " " "	75 00
Jesse W. Peabody, Registrar of Voters,	10 00
Andrew W. Peabody, " " "	10 00
William T. Martin, " " "	10 00
S. A. Fletcher, " " "	10 00
" " " Town Clerk,	8 00
" " " Town Treasurer,	35 00
" " " recording marriages, births and deaths,	12 35
M. E. Tyler, school committee,	35 00
B. T. McGlaulin, school committee from Oct. 5 to March 8,	12 50
Herbert H. Wilkins, school committe,	15 00
Oscar Cram, constable,	35 00
Jesse W. Peabody, collector of taxes,	76 78
B. T. McGlaulin, election officer,	3 00
N. L. Brown, " "	3 00
Fred W. Giles, " "	3 00
Oscar Cram, " "	3 00
Dana I. Nash, Auditor,	5 00

\$511 63

17 50

Bills outstanding,

State Aid Account.

Catherine Danforth,	\$24 00
Sarah M. Mathews,	48 00
Henry Peabody,	48 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>120 00</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$120 00
Lydia M. Peabody,	48 00
Benjamin W. Peabody,	12 00
Isaiah B. Peabody,	24 00
Hugh Cook,	18 00
Patrick Donovan,	48 00
Benjamin W. Peabody,	36 00
Mary E. Manning,	48 00
Susan A. Stuart,	28 00
George P. Melcher,	4 00
Jerome Leavitt,	12 00
Annie J. Shelden,	12 00

\$410 00

Soldier's Relief.

Town of Melrose, house rent for W. F. Russell,	\$156 00
Frank Russell, relief,	25 00
Lore & Russell, coal for Henry Peabody,	19 25
J. F. Hayward, provisions for Henry Peabody,	21 00
Henry Peabody, wood,	8 25
A. W. Peabody, " for Henry Peabody,	3 00
Lore & Russell, coal for Mrs. Wells,	6 00
B. T. McGlaufflin, journey to Melrose and car fare,	2 70
E. G. Fletcher, board for Warner Peabody,	20 00
J. W. Peabody, cash paid car fare for Warner Peabody to Soldiers Home,	5 11
Elizabeth M. McGlaufflin,	56 00
J. F. Hayward, provisions for Mrs. Wells,	3 98
Wood for Mrs. Wells,	23 00
John Gage, sawing wood " " "	80
Scott Wilkins, coal,	6 25
H. A. Wilkins, supplies for Mrs. Wells,	60 91

\$417 25

Town Hall Department.

DR.

Lore & Russell, coal,	\$31 25	
B. T. McGlauffin, coal,	12 90	
Danvers Water Board,	6 00	
Fred E. Campbell, janitor,		
" " " curtains and table,	9 00	
" " " supplies,	3 15	
" " " labor,	1 45	
Mrs. John Bott,	80	
Oscar Cram, sand,	1 50	
H. A. Wilkins supplies,	7 30	
Fred E. Campbell, janitor,	76 65	
		\$150 00

CR.

Fred E. Campbell, cash paid treasurer,	103 00
Balance against the town,	\$47 00

Cemetery.

Appropriation,		\$150 00
John M. Peabody, labor,	\$50 25	
" " " removing snow,	2 50	
I. B. Peabody, labor,	18 00	
D. W. Case, " "	18 00	
Danvers Water Board, water,	6 00	
John M. Peabody, supt. of cemetery,	10 00	
		104 75
Unexpended,		\$45 25

Extension of Water Pipe in Cemetery.

Appropriation,		\$100 00
Danvers Water Board,	\$37 78	
John M. Peabody, labor,	5 00	
Charles Cross, “	40	
		43 18
Unexpended,		\$56 82

Memorial Day.

Appropriation,		\$100 00
Amount expended by the committee,	98 05	
Amount unexpended,	1 95	
		\$100 00

Fire Department.

Henry F. Knowles, hose and repairing,	\$96 70	
American Express Co., transportation,	1 00	
B. T. McGlauflin, journey to Boston,	2 64	
Charles Flye, damage to horse,	6 00	
City of Salem use of engine,	50 00	
H. A. Wilkins, supplies,	17 88	
B. T. McGlauflin, compensation to firemen,	60 00	
		\$234 22
Amount of appropriaton,		160 00
Overdrawn,		\$74 22

Forest Fires.

B. T. McGlauflin,	\$112 64	
		\$112 64

Abatement of Taxes.

Middleton Paper Mill Co., abatement of tax for 1895,	\$140 16
Henrietta Jackson for 1895,	3 25
S. A. Fletcher tax list 1889,	9 38

\$152 79

Miscellaneous.

Barry & Lufkin, printing town report,	\$36 95
“ “ “ “ school report,	20 80
F. L. Evans, case of A. C. Peabody,	45 00
Farnham Stiles, sealer of weights and measures,	5 00
E. S. Kelly, concreting gutters,	10 00
F. E. Moynahan, printing,	2 25
W. T. Martin, cash paid county com- missioners,	3 00
T. L. Jenkins, returning birth,	25
John M. Peabody, returning 16 deaths,	4 00
“ “ “ care street lamp,	12 00
A. W. Peabody, inspector of cattle and meat,	40 00
M. E. Tyler, team for state aid commis- sioner,	2 00
H. A. Wilkins, books and paper,	1 40
“ “ “ supplies for street lamp,	2 73
J. W. Peabody, discount on tax,	248 95
“ “ “ journeys out of town, car fare, postage,	10 07
J. W. Peabody, tax book and express,	1 15
W. T. Martin, journeys out of town, car fare, stationery,	9 89
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$455 44</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$455 44	
J. A. Shatswell, returning one birth,	25	
L. G. Esty, journey to Boston, care fare,	2 50	
S. A. Fletcher, journeys out of town, car fare, postage, books and paper,	6 85	
S. A. Fletcher, administering oaths,	4 00	
A. Shepard, painting Town Hall steps,	5 95	
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		\$474 99

Police Department.

Oscar Cram, watchman at fire June 28,	\$12 00	
Fred E. Campbell, special police officer,	7 00	
“ “ “ police implements,	2 00	
“ “ “ officer's fees,	15 86	
F. H. Benitez, special police officer,	3 00	
Oscar Cram, repairs of police implements,	2 35	
“ “ team for police,	4 50	
“ “ telephone and postage,	1 25	
“ “ expenses in the Bennard case,	2 00	
M. E. Tyler, team for police,	75	
W. T. Martin, police twisters,	1 15	
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		\$51 86

Summary of Expenses.

Schools,	\$1,977 38	
Incidental school expenses.	80 49	
School books and supplies,	207 04	
Highway department,	921 59	
Bridges,	5 42	
Removing snow,	173 53	
Poor department,	2,168 84	
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/>	\$5,534 29

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$5,534 29	
Town officers,	511 63	
State aid,	410 00	
Soldiers' relief,	417 25	
Town hall account,	150 00	
Cemetery,	104 75	
Memorial Day,	98 05	
Fire department,	234 22	
Forest fires,	112 64	
Abatements,	152 79	
Miscellaneous,	474 99	
Extension, of water pipe in Cemetery,	43 18	
Board of health,	541 89	
High school pupils,	270 00	
Police department,	51 86	
Tramp department,	25 42	
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		\$9,132 96

Flint Book Fund.

Amount received of Executors of estate of Hon. Charles L. Flint,		\$5,000 00
Notes against Town of Middleton,	4,400 00	
Deposited in Danvers Savings Bank,	600 00	
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		\$5,000 00

INCOME ACCOUNT.

DR.

To balance unexpended, Feb. 1896,	458 95	
“ interest received on Town notes,	250 00	
“ “ due at Savings Bank, Oct. 1896,	17 00	
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		\$725 95

CR.

To cash paid for books,	\$57 59	
“ “ “ “ periodicals for 1897,	42 10	
“ balance unexpended Feb. 1897,	626 26	
		<u>\$725 95</u>

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, treasurer, in account with Sophronia Fuller Fund.

INCOME ACCOUNT.

DR.

To principal deposited in Danvers Savings Bank,	200 00	
To interest credited Oct. 1896,	8 08	
		<u>\$208 08</u>

CR.

To cash paid Thomas Carlin for work on cemetery lot,	4 00	
To balance on Bank account,	204 08	
		<u>\$208 08</u>

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, treasurer, in account with P. B. Russell Fund.

INCOME ACCOUNT.

DR.

To principal deposited in Danvers Savings Bank,	100 00	
To interest credited Oct., 1896,	4 84	
		<u>\$104 84</u>

CR.

To cash paid Thomas Carlin for work on cemetery lot,	\$ 2 50	
To balance remaining on Bank account,	102 34	
		<u>\$104 84</u>

Flint Building Fund.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, treasurer, in account with Town of Middleton.

DR.

To amount on hand Feb. 1896, in Salem Savings Bank,	176 27	
To cash received for grass,	2 00	
To interest due at Bank,	7 10	
		<u>\$185 37</u>

CR.

To cash paid Oswald Lawson, work at Library,	9 40	
To cash paid Oswald Lawson for materials,	5 69	
To balance on hand at Bank,	170 28	
		<u>\$185 37</u>

S. A. FLETCHER, *Treasurer.*

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, tax collector, in account with the Town of Middleton.

DR.

Balance of tax list of 1889 as per last year's report,	22 05	
Interested collected on tax list of 1889,	1 31	
		<u>\$23 36</u>

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list of 1889,	\$23 36
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DR.

Balance of tax list of 1890 as per last year's report,	\$129 67	
Interest collected on tax list of 1890,	1 78	
		131 45

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list of 1890,	7 56	
“ uncollected “ “ “ “ “	123 89	
		131 45

DR.

Balance of tax list of 1891 as per last year's report,	95 87	
Interest collected on tax list of 1891,	10 23	
		106 10

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list of 1891,	45 15	
“ uncollected,	60 95	
		106 10

JESSE W. PEABODY, tax collector, in account with the town of Middleton,

DR.

Balance of the tax list of 1892 as per last year's report,	\$29 47	
Interest collected,	4 18	
		\$33 65

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list 1892,	\$20 84	
Uncollected on tax list of 1892,	12 81	
		\$3365

DR.

Balance of the tax list of 1893 as per last		
year's report,	291 99	
Interest collected,	17 20	
		\$309 19

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list 1893,	123 94	
Uncollected on tax list of 1893,	185 25	
		\$309 19

DR.

Balance of the tax list of 1894 as per last		
year's report,	1,573 18	
Interest collected,	60 66	
		\$1,633 84

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list 1894,	922 08	
Uncollected on tax list of 1894,	711 76	
		\$1,633 84

DR.

Amount of tax list of 1896,		\$7,678 30
Amount paid treasurer on list 1896,	5,568 57	
Uncollected on list 1896,	2,109 73	
		\$7,678 30

FRANK L. ESTY, tax collector, in account with the Town of Middleton.

DR.

Balance of the tax list of 1895 as per last	
year's report,	\$2,274 03
Interest collected,	35 46
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	\$2,309 49

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on list of 1895,	\$1,055 17
Uncollected on list of 1895,	1,254 32
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	\$2,309 49

Treasurer's Report.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, treasurer, in account with the Town of Middleton for the year ending Feb., 1897.

DR.

To balance in treasury Feb. 1896,	\$ 119 85
“ cash rec'd on note of A. W. Peabody,	1,200 00
“ “ “ balance on bill of F. L. Evans,	50
“ cash rec'd from First District Court in April.	9 72
“ cash rec'd from Mr. Watson for cemetery lot,	20 00
“ cash rec'd from Charles Wilkins, returned for burial of child,	7 00
“ cash rec'd from Charles Wilkins, returned for doctor's bill,	15 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$1,372 07

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,372 07
To cash rec'd from Peter Charon, re- turned in Davis case,	5 00
" cash rec'd from Paper Mill Co., re- turned in Davis case,	6 00
" cash rec'd from Tewksbury on Mary Shed account,	42 00
" cash rec'd from State Treasurer on note,	2,000 00
" cash rec'd from Charles Wilkins for rent of Lever house,	4 50
" cash rec'd from city of Lynn on Thomp- son account,	32 00
" cash rec'd from State Treasurer for temporary support of state paupers,	16 24
" cash rec'd from State Treasurer for inspection of animals,	12 50
" cash rec'd from F. E. Campbell for use of Town hall,	103 00
" cash rec'd from J. F. Hayward for butcher's license,	1 00
" cash rec'd from J. H. Morgan for butcher's license,	1 00
" cash rec'd from Jesse W. Peabody on note,	300 00
" cash rec'd from H. H. Wilkins for teacher's desk sold,	1 75
" cash rec'd from sale of effects of Mrs. H. Smith,	66 81
" cash rec'd from sale of Mrs. Levers' estate,	113 60
" cash rec'd from W. T. Martin from sale of school books,	2 03
" cash rec'd from Allen and Rogers on note,	2,500 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$6,579 50</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$6,579 50	
To cash rec'd from Howard Weaver, re- turned for burial of child,	12 00	
“ cash rec'd from State Treasurer, school fund,	330 06	
“ cash rec'd from County Treasurer, dog tax refunded,	110 68	
“ cash rec'd from F. H. Benitez for wood,	2 75	
“ cash rec'd from State Treasurer for corporation tax,	5 17	
“ cash rec'd from State Treasurer for National bank tax,	30 84	
“ cash rec'd from State Treasurer for State Aid,	314 00	
“ cash rec'd from city of Gloucester on Colbey account,	498 67	
“ cash rec'd from S. A. Fletcher on taxes of 1889,	23 36	
“ cash rec'd from S. A. Fletcher on taxes of 1890,	7 56	
“ cash rec'd from S. A. Fletcher on taxes of 1891,	45 15	
“ cash rec'd from Jesse W. Peabody on taxes of 1892,	20 84	
“ cash rec'd from Jesse W. Peabody on taxes of 1893,	123 94	
“ cash rec'd from Jesse W. Peabody on taxes of 1894,	922 08	
“ cash rec'd from Frank L. Estey on taxes of 1895,	1,055 17	
“ cash rec'd from Jesse W. Peabody on taxes of 1896,	5,568 57	
“ cash rec'd from sale of land beyond amount of tax bills,	171 81	
“ cash rec'd from sale of wood to Over- seers, schools and Soldiers' Relief,	78 00	
		\$15,900 15

CR.

By cash paid on note to M. E. Stiles,	\$200 00
“ “ “ “ notes,	84 33
“ “ “ County Treasurer, county tax,	455 17
“ “ “ A. W. Peabody, on note,	500 00
“ “ “ State Treasurer, on note,	2,000 00
“ “ “ “ “ interest on note,	47 75
“ cash paid Danvers Savings bank on note,	1,200 00
“ cash paid Danvers Savings bank inter- est on note,	47 67
“ cash paid Jesse W. Peabody on note,	300 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ interest on note,	5 50
“ cash paid B. F. Emerson fund, interest on note,	40 00
“ cash paid Flint book fund, interest on notes,	250 00
“ cash paid “ “ “ principal on note,	600 00
“ cash paid State Treasurer, state tax,	367 50
“ “ “ Allen and Rogers, discount on note,	35 41
“ cash paid on Selectmen's orders,	6,554 12
“ “ “ “ Overseers' orders,	2,168 84
“ “ “ “ State Aid orders,	410 00
“ “ “ heirs of estate of Benjamin Porter for land,	52 16
“ balance in treasury,	581 70
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	\$15,900 15

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, *Treasurer.*

Assessors' Valuation of Property.

Real estate,	\$488,885 00
Personal estate,	64,215 00
	<hr/> \$553,100 00

Number of polls, 244.

Rate of taxation, \$13.00 per 1,000.

Tax on polls,	\$ 488 00
Tax on real real estate,	6,355 50
Tax on personal,	834 80
	<hr/> \$7,678 30

Amount voted for current expenses,	\$2,500 00
Special appropriation Oct. 28,	
1896, to be assessed in 1897,	1,000 00
Schools,	1,600 00
Incidentals, schools,	75 00
Supplies,	200 00
Highways,	1,000 00
Bridges,	100 00
Enforcing law in regard to sale	
of liquor,	50 00
Cemetery,	150 00
Fireman compensation,	60 00
Supplies for fire department,	100 00
Memorial day,	100 00
Water pipe in cemetery,	100 00
Library lot,	600 00
State tax,	367 50
County tax,	455 17
Overlay,	220 63

\$8,678 30

Schedule of Town Property.

Library building and land,	\$14,000 00
Flint public library,	3,300 00
Town hall,	5,400 00
School houses,	8,000 00
Lock-up,	500 00
Cemetery,	1,300 00
Hearse and hearse house,	800 00
Fire apparatus and hose house,	1,000 00
Gravel pit,	50 00
B. F. Emerson fund,	10,025 36
C. L. Flint book fund,	5,000 00
Road machine,	200 00
School books in use,	400 00
	\$49,975 36

Financial Condition of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of town notes on interest at 4 per cent.,	\$2,000 00
Amount of town notes on interest at 4½ per cent.,	2,500 00
Amount of town notes on interest at 5 per cent.,	5,200 00
Amount of town notes on interest,	700 00
Due the schools,	399 20
	\$10,799 20

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per treasurer's ac- count,	\$562 70
Due from State on account of State aid,	72 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$634 70

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$634 70
School books on hand,	400 00
Due from Gloucester,	920 35
“ “ Holden,	32 50
“ “ Tewksbury,	13 00
“ “ State,	8 00
“ “ North Reading,	7 01
“ “ State Board of Health,	138 00
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	\$2,153 56
Amount of uncollected tax, 1890,	\$123 89
“ “ “ “ 1891,	60 95
“ “ “ “ 1892,	12 81
“ “ “ “ 1893,	185 25
“ “ “ “ 1894,	711 76
“ “ “ “ 1895,	1,254 54
“ “ “ “ 1896,	2,109 73
Balance against the town,	4,186 71
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	8,645 64
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	\$10,799 20

Increase of the town debt, \$292.17.

JESSE W. PEABODY,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
ANDREW W. PEABODY,	
WILLIAM T. MARTIN,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Middleton.</i>

Middleton, Mass., Feb. 25, 1897.

I have examined the books and accounts of the town officers in the town of Middleton and all original bills and vouchers on which moneys have been paid from the treasury of said town, and find the same to be correct.

DANA I. NASH, *Auditor.*

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

We are pleased to note the continued use and evident appreciation of the advantages afforded by our Library. The reading room is almost constantly occupied during Library hours, and it is gratifying to know that our people can have access to the best of current periodical literature.

It is said that "the largest part of every man's education is that which he gives himself." It seems that the public Library is an excellent opportunity and means to carry on this work.

The books which have been added to the Library during the past year include a fine set of Johnson's Cyclopedia which will prove a valuable addition to our works of reference.

We have received from Robert C. Winthrop, Jr., seven volumes, five of which contained "Addresses and Speeches delivered by Robert C. Winthrop," and two of the volumes contain the "Life and Letters of John Winthrop, Governor of Massachusetts Bay Colony."

We are indebted to the courtesy of Mr. W. S. Armstrong for the Dolgeville N. Y. Herald.

Following are the publications to be found on the reading-room table :

Weekly :—Youth's Companion, Life, Harper's Scientific American, and Dolgeville Herald.

Monthly :—Atlantic, Antiquarian, Century, Scribner's, New Engand Magazine, Forum, Review of Reviews, McClure's, Popular Science Monthly, Our Dumb Animals, St. Nicholas, Munsey's.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,
DARIUS W. CASE,
GEORGE F. HASKELL,
H. HERBERT WILKINS,
ANSEL P. TYLER,
JESSIE W. PEABODY.

*Trustees of
Flint Public
Library.*

Librarian's Report.

Books in library, Feb., 1896,	4,570
“ purchased,	10
“ presented by George F. Haskell,	11
“ “ “ Robert C. Winthrop, jr.,	7
“ “ “ Rev. W. P. Landers,	2
“ “ “ Rev. W. B. Ramsdell,	2
“ “ “ D. F. Appleton,	1
“ “ “ Mass. State Secretary,	9
“ “ “ U. S. Government,	13
Whole number Feb., 1897,	4,625

Pamphlets received in 1896 :

From Rev. W. P. Landers,	1
“ Salem Public Library,	1
“ Peabody Institute, Danvers,	1
“ Public Library, Syracuse, N. Y.,	1
“ “ “ Hopedale, Mass.,	1
“ Mass. State Secretary,	6
“ Jesse F. Fuller,	1
“ J. H. Benton, jr.,	1
“ U. S. Government,	3
“ Malden,	1
“ Public Library, Newton,	1

New names added to the list of persons taking books from library,	32
Whole number of books taken from library, Feb. 1, 1896—Feb. 1, 1897,	5,025
Number of visitors registered in library, Feb. 1, 1896 to Feb. 1, 1897,	54
Largest circulation in month of January,	513
Smallest “ “ “ “ July,	341
Number of days library has been open during year,	102

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, *Librarian*.

Middleton, Feb. 1, 1897.

Samuel A. Fletcher in account with Flint Public Library.

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To services as librarian and janitor to Feb., 1897,	\$150 00
“ cash paid John H. Choate, printing 250 supplements,	25 25
“ cash paid John H. Choate, printing 350 library cards,	2 50
“ cash paid Danvers Water Board,	7 00
“ “ “ Gilbert & Barker, 104 gals. gasoline,	16 64
“ cash paid John W. Curry, care of library lawn,	8 50
“ cash paid Daniel Fuller, spraying trees,	3 00
“ “ “ F. J. Bernard, rebinding books,	11 27
“ cash paid Lore & Russell, coal for library,	50 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$274 16</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$274 16	
To cash paid Webster, Cook & Co., umbrella stand,	6 75	
" cash paid F. W. Barry, Beale & Co., record book,	5 50	
" cash paid M. E. Tyler, teaming,	70	
" cash paid Mrs. Abbott for cleaning,	1 35	
" " " H. A. Wilkins & Co., lawn mower,	5 50	
" cash paid freight, express and postage,	2 49	
" " " index book, book supports, paper,	2 85	
" cash paid feather duster, stamp, mucilage,	1 33	
" cash paid leads, chimney, kerosene, stationery,	49	
		\$301 12

DR.

By cash rec'd for cards and fines,	\$ 4 87	
" " " " gasolene barrels returned,	1 60	
" cash rec'd of B. F. Emerson fund,	294 65	
		\$301 12

B. F. Emerson Fund.

The trustees of the B. F. Emerson submit the following as their eighth annual report.

Atchison income bonds,	\$2,119 24
Atchison 4% bonds,	2,948 25
N. Y. & N. E. R. R., 6% bonds,	2,290 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$7,357 49

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$7,357 49	
Town of Middleton note,	800 00	
Andover savings bank,	1000 00	
Danvers savings bank,	867 87	
		\$10,025 36

INCOME ACCOUNT :

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Total balance on hand Feb. 1896,	\$136 57	
Interest on N. Y. & N. E. R. R.,	120 00	
“ “ Town note,	40 00	
“ at Andover bank,	50 25	
“ “ Danvers bank,	28 37	
“ on 4% Atchinson bonds,	50 00	
“ “ income Atchinson bonds,	52 50	
		\$477 69

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Paid for safe deposit vault,	\$ 10 00	
“ “ transferring bonds,	60 00	
“ to A. Shepard care of Emerson cemetery lot,	1 50	
“ to S. A. Fletcher, library account,	294 65	
By balance on hand,	111 54	
		\$477 69

A. P. TYLER,	} Trustees of
SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,	
M. J. EMERSON,	
M. E. TYLER,	
F. P. MERRIAM,	

B. F. Emerson Fund.

ESTIMATES FOR NEXT YEAR.

The Finance Committee respectfully submit the following estimates of sums to be raised to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year.

Current expenses,	\$2,200 00
Poor department,	1,000 00
Highways,	1,000 00
Bridges,	150 00
Repairing sidewalks,	50 00
Schools,	1,600 00
High school pupils,	500 00
School incidental expenses,	125 00
School supplies,	225 00
Fire department horses,	200 00
Compensation to firemen,	60 00
Cemetery,	125 00
Memorial day,	100 00
Enforcement of the law against the sale of intoxicating liquor,	50 00
Annual appropriation for the library lot,	600 00
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	\$7,985 00

JESSIE W. PEABODY,	}	<i>Finance Committee.</i>
MAURICE E. TYLER,		
B. T. MCGLAUFLIN,		
OSCAR CRAM,		
A. A. AVERILL,		
SYLVANUS FLINT,		

List of Jurors.

The following list of persons qualified for Jurors, prepared and posted by the Selectmen, will be submitted to the town at the annual town meeting, for revision and acceptance.

Leverett H. Wilkins,
Hosea W. Richardson,
Samuel A. Fletcher,
Henry E. Howe,
Allen D. Bryer,
John M. Peabody,
Frank L. Esty,
Charles A. Fletcher,

Joseph W. Russell,
Fred W. Giles,
Loren G. Esty,
Daniel Weston,
George B. Flint,
Sylvanus Flint,
Eli E. Richardson,
Charles J. Brown.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

TO OSCAR CRAM, CONSTABLE FOR THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON IN
THE COUNTY OF ESSEX :

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Monday, the eighth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To vote on the question, Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town ; the vote will be by separate ballot and the **ballot shall be YES or NO in answer to said question.**

ART. 5. To see if the town will provide suitable curtains and footlights for the stage at the upper Town Hall, on petition of Fred E. Campbell and thirty-nine others, and make appropriation for the same.

ART. 6. To see if the town will have cut on the town lot what wood that will be necessary for the year ensuing, and hauled to the lockup to be sawed and split by persons applying for a night's lodging, and determine how the wood when sawed and split shall be disposed of.

ART. 7. To see if the firemen shall be re-imbursed for labor done in the Town of North Reading, putting out forest fires in 1896.

ART. 8. To see if the town will consolidate the East and North School to the Centre School-house.

ART. 9. To see if the town will vote to paint the Centre School-house and make appropriation for the same.

ART. 10. To see if the town will grade the Centre School yard and make appropriation for the same.

ART. 11. To see if the town will lay a new floor in the intermediate room and put new desks in the same room, and make appropriation for the same.

ART. 12. To see how much money the town will raise to pay the tuition of the High School pupils.

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to have the avenues named in the cemetery and erect boards with the names on.

ART. 14. To see how much money the town will raise to defray town charges the ensuing year, and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

ART. 15. To see what action the town will take in relation to discount and interest on taxes.

ART. 16. To act on the list of Jurors prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

ART. 17. To see what action the town will take in regard to letting the Town Hall.

ART. 18. To see what action the town will take in regard to the enforcement of law, in regard to the sale of intoxicating liquors.

ART. 19. To see what action the town will take concerning the Cemetery.

ART. 20. To see what action the town will take for the prevention of fires and in respect to compensation of firemen.

ART. 21. To see what measures the town will adopt for the removal of snow from the sidewalks.

ART. 22. To see what action the town will take for repairing the sidewalks and make appropriation for the same.

ART. 23. To see how much money the town will raise for the proper observance of Memorial day.

ART. 24. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to meet current expenses, in anticipation of taxes of the present year and payable therefrom.

ART. 25. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow a sum not exceeding \$2,500, bearing interest not exceeding 4 per cent. for a period of not more than five years, giving therefor the note or notes of the town signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the Selectmen; the first of such notes to be payable in one year, the second in two years, the third in three years, the fourth in four years, and the fifth in five years.

ART. 26. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed may use.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall and one at the Centre post office and one at the post office in South Middleton, in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doing thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 20th day of February A. D. 1897.

JESSE W. PEABODY,	{	<i>Selectmen of Middleton.</i>
ANDREW W. PEABODY,		
WILLIAM T. MARTIN,		

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF MIDDLETON

FOR

THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 22, 1898.

BOSTON :

PRESS OF OLVIN H. LUFKIN, 145 HIGH STREET.

1898.

TOWN REPORT.

School Department.

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

Jennie A. Lee, teaching grammar school,	\$457 00
Nellie C. Howe, teaching primary school,	418 00
Alice L. Roberts, teaching intermediate school,	60 00
Euphenia Smith, teaching intermediate school,	140 00
Gertrude H. Tibbetts, teaching intermediate school,	63 00
Elizabeth H. Hoar, teaching intermediate school,	183 00
Hattie I. Lake, teaching intermediate school,	54 00
George E. Currier, transporting school children,	240 00
Moses Peabody, transporting school children,	280 00
Augustus Shepard, janitor,	101 70
John Botts, janitor,	8 35
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<i>\$2,005 05</i>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$2,005 05	
Harry E. Curtis, janitor,	4 50	
George P. Wilkins, use of well,	3 00	
Lore & Russell, coal,	52 50	
H. K. Richardson, drawing coal,	10 00	
U. S. Stone, drawing coal,	1 25	
Town of Middleton, for wood,	10 00	
		\$2,086 30
Balance due the schools,		525 25
		<u>\$2611 55</u>
Balance due the schools last year,	\$426 00	
Town appropriation,	1,700 00	
State school fund,	345 03	
Amount received for dog licence,	<u>140 52</u>	
		\$2,611 55

HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation,	\$800 00
Paid to Town of Danvers for tuition of 12 pupils 1896,	270 00
Paid to Town of Danvers for tuition of 12 pupils 1897,	456 25
	<u>726 25</u>
Unexpended appropriation,	\$73 75

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Augustus Shepard, setting glass.	\$ 60
John Bott, repairing fence,	1 00
Charles J. Brown, labor on school-house,	7 00
John F. Higgins, labor on school-house,	7 00
M. E. Tyler, material for schoolhouse,	8 10
J. F. Gidding, reseating chairs,	1 50
H. M. Bixby & Co., shades and rollers,	7 68
Pope Brothers, lumber for school-house,	13 35
E. Dernier, labor on schoolhouse,	23 21
E. Dernier, repairs in order for painting,	12 83
Fay McGlauffin, cleaning blinds for schoolhouse,	3 43
Hardy Brothers, windows for school-house,	18 00
J. E. Ropes, supplies for schoolhouse,	3 80
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for schoolhouse,	11 35
Salem Evening News, printing,	4 25
Augustus Shepard, cleaning windows,	2 00
Augustus Shepard, setting glass,	15
Oscar Cram, truant officer,	3 00
Maurice E. Tyler, express, labor, car fare, use of team,	24 90
Edward M. Ingalls, journey out of town looking up teacher,	2 00
Augustus Shepard, cleaning glass,	2 50
Augustus Shepard, setting glass,	1 45

 \$159 10

<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$159 10
Overdrawn,	\$ 34 10	
Appropriation,	125 00	
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		\$159 10

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Appropriation,		\$225 00
J. L. Hammet,	\$79 32	
D. C. Heath Co.,	3 60	
Ginn & Company,	10 00	
B. S. S. Milton Co.,	90	
Thompson Brown & Co.,	3 75	
American Book Co.,	25 67	
DeWolfe Fisk & Co.,	2 95	
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		\$126 19
Unexpended		98 81
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		\$225 00

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL HOUSE.

Appropriation,		\$75 00
Charles J. Brown, labor,	\$15 00	
John F. Higgins, labor,	15 00	
Pope Brothers, lumber,	44 34	
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		\$74 34
Unexpended appropriation,		<hr/>
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PAINTING SCHOOL HOUSE.

J. Allen Atwood, labor painting,	41 25	
Harley M. Tyler, labor painting,	42 75	
Charles J. Brown, labor painting,	24 00	
M. E. Tyler, paint and supplies,	10 75	
H. W. Johns & Co., paint,	70 10	
M. E. Tyler, taking charge painting,		
labor and repairs,	15 00	
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		\$203 85
Appropriation,		175 00
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		28 85
Cash received for paint sold,		19 77
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Amount overdrawn,		\$9 08

GRADING SCHOOL HOUSE YARD.

Appropriation,		\$50 00
H. K. Richardson, labor and team,	20 00	
Chester Campbell, labor,	1 50	
B. T. McGlauffin, labor,	22 50	
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		\$44 00
Unexpended,		<hr/>
		\$6 00

Department of Overseers of the Poor.

City of Malden, aid for Mary K.	
Mansfield,	\$180 00
City of Salem, aid for George Wells,	35 68
City of Beverly, aid for Frank Wilkins,	34 10
Town of Peabody, board for Harriet	
Smith,	130 00
Town of Peabody, board for Frank	
Perkins,	44 07
Town of Topsfield, aid for Eri B.	
Tyler,	53 00
Town of Danvers, aid for William	
Melcher,	31 00
Town of Georgetown, aid for David	
P. Hutchinson,	121 50
State Lunatic Hospital, board for	
Sarah Rennerd,	181 26
Cash paid for nursing family of	
Joseph Colbey,	97 58
Cash paid for house rent for family	
of Joseph Colbey,	14 00
Cash paid for medical attendance for	
family of Joseph Colbey	145 00
Cash paid for fuel for family of	
Joseph Colbey,	8 50
Cash paid for washing for family of	
Joseph Colbey,	3 84
B. T. McGlauflin, cash paid for family	
of Joseph Colbey,	2 28
Cash paid for board of James Durrah,	4 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$1,085 81

<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$1,085	81
Charles Newhall, trip to Peabody on account of Mrs. Smith,	1	25
Lucy McGlauflin, repairing cloths on account of Mrs. Smith,	6	00
A. W. Peabody, clothing for Mrs. Smith,	3	88
George W. White, cash paid on account of Frank Perkins,	2	50
F. E. Batchelder, use of team to Melrose and Peabody on account of Frank Perkins,	3	00
B. T. McGlauflin, use of team to Georgetown, on account of David P. Hutchison,	2	50
Aid for Mrs. Chandler,	1	50
H. G. Vinal, professional services for Joseph Chandler,	3	00
H. H. Pillsbury, use of hack for con- veying Joseph Chandler,	4	00
Cash paid being balance due B. T. McGlaulin term of 1896,	13	75
Samuel Hobbs, printing and sup- plies,	5	25
B. T. McGlauflin, services as over- seer and cash paid,	30	00
Fred W. Giles, services as overseer,	20	00
A. W. Peabody, services as overseer,	20	00
Whole amount of overseers orders drawn,	\$1,202	44
Locking up 479 tramps,	23	95
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for tramp house,	34	70
Unsettled bills,	175	00
	\$1,436	09

Due from Gloucester, on account of Joseph Colbey,	\$270 74	
Due from State, on account of James Durrah,	4 00	
Cash received from Otis Rennerd,	95 82	
Due from Otis Rennerd,	85 44	
Outstanding bills of last year paid,	75 00	
Whole cost of supporting town's poor,	905 09	
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		\$1,436 09
Appropriation,		\$1,000 00
Whole cost of supporting town poor,		905 09
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Unexpended,		\$94 91
Due from Gloucester on account of Joseph Colbey for 1897,		\$920 35

Wood and Tramp Department.

Daniel Fuller, chopping blocks,	\$ 2 00	
Charles Cross, drawing wood,	25 62	
William Freeman, cutting wood,	12 47	
George Margeson, cutting wood,	8 10	
Frank Benitez, working tramps,	30 50	
“ “ repairs,	55	
“ “ care of sick tramps,		
3 days,	1 00	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$80 24	
Frank Benitez, locking up 479 tramps,	23 95	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies,	34 70	
Value of wood on stump,	20 00	
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		\$158 89

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Mrs. D. Wells, 1 cord of wood, sawed and split,	.	\$ 5 00	
Frank Russell, 2½ cords of wood, sawed and split,	12 50		
Frank Russell, 2 cords of wood,			
Henry Peabody, 1 cord of wood, sawed and split,	6 00	5 00	
Frank Bentiez, ½ cord wood,	2 00		
“ “ 1 cord of wood, sawed and split,	4 50		
Schools, 2 cords of wood, sawed and split,	10 00		
Frank Russell, 2 cords of wood,	7 50		
Scott Wilkins, 1 cord of wood,	3 00		
“ “ ½ cord of wood, sawed and split,	2 75		
A. Nickerson, 1 cord of wood, sawed and split,	5 00		
Charles Cross, 1½ cords of wood,	4 50		
Value of wood on hand,	20 00		
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		\$ 87 75	
Cost for support of tramps,		71 14	
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		\$158 89	

Highway Department.

Appropriation,		\$1,000 00
George E. Soper,	\$109 50	
John Q. Averill,	114 88	
M. E. Tyler,	54 75	
B. F. Gould,	33 00	
Frank Curtis,	49 75	
Oscar Cram,	76 50	
John Rier,	36 00	
William H. Margerson,	39 75	
John Milberry,	94 50	
A. M. Richardson,	67 50	
Joseph King,	33 90	
Warren Thomas,	21 00	
George Fuller,	5 25	
Chester Campbell,	47 50	
William C. Hayward,	3 00	
Frank Curtis,	24 00	
Andy Holt,	8 00	
Oscar Cram,	47 50	
George Margerson,	7 75	
John W. Demsey,	9 75	
Charles W. Darling, team,	7 50	
Jere Pelletier,	3 00	
J. Henry Fletcher,	7 50	
E. G. Fletcher, gravel,	1 35	
Oscar Cram, use of team,	18 50	
Ames Plough Co., supplies,	9 69	
George Tyler, supplies,	9 00	
Oscar Cram, supplies,	6 24	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies,	2 10	
Unexpended,		<div style="border-top: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; margin-bottom: 5px;">\$948 66</div> <div style="display: inline-block; width: 100px; margin-bottom: 5px;">51 34</div> <div style="border-top: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px;">\$1,000 00</div>

SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation,		\$50 00
Oscar Cram, labor,	\$ 9 00	
E. L. Kelley, concreting,	25 00	
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		\$34 00
Unexpended,		16 00
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		\$50 00

BRIDGES.

Joe King,	\$3 00	
Jere Pelletier,	3 00	
C. W. Darling, team,	6 00	
Oscar Cram,	22 76	
Frank Curtis,	5 25	
Charles J. Brown,	3 75	
John W. Demsey,	1 50	
George Margerson,	3 85	
M. E. Tyler, team,	4 50	
Pope Bros., lumber,	45 24	
Frank McDonald, rebuilding,	40 00	
H. K. Richardson, stone,	2 00	
C. A. Lawrence, drain pipe,	6 24	
A. W. Peabody, posts,	5 44	
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		\$152 53
Appropriation,		150 00
Overdrawn,		2 53
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		\$152 53

REMOVING SNOW.

B. T. McGlaufflin,	\$ 3 30
John P. Fuller,	3 00
Oscar Cram,	7 20
Loren Goodwin,	1 00
Benjamin Metcalf,	7 20
Joseph King,	7 20
James H. Martin,	5 00
George Margerson,	7 00
William Margerson,	4 40
Ralph Wilkins,	7 00
James Milbury,	5 70
Joseph A. Atwood,	5 60
J. Henry Fletcher,	3 20
Otis H. Rennard,	2 20
Winnie McGlaufflin,	3 00
Chas. Hayward,	16 20
Jerry Smith,	4 00
Henry Burchard,	4 00
William Brooks,	1 40
Charles Sugarman,	1 00
Fred Collins,	1 00
Morris Hawk,	1 00
John Libby,	60
James Porter,	60
James Rier,	5 40
Max Shultz,	60
John Rier,	3 00
Harry Russel,	1 00
J. J. H. Gregory,	40 00
Lewis Maynard,	5 40
Felix Maynard,	5 40

Amonnt carried forward,

\$162 60

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$162 60
Frank Margerson,	3 00
Will Richardson,	98
William T. Martin,	1 00
John P. Fuller,	14 40
Leo Porter,	60
Levi F. Harlow,	2 00
W. E. Sanford,	10 80
A. D. Bryer,	1 00
John W. Demsey,	1 00
Harley Tyler,	80
Roland Peabody,	2 00
John Knight,	1 00
Samuel M. Peabody,	2 20
Jesse L. Peabody,	3 60
H. E. Howe,	3 00
Asa Howe,	1 80
G. M. Derry,	5 00
John McCowan,	3 60
Will Richardson,	5 20
George Hinman,	32 60
Harry Flick,	4 60
Earl Collins,	4 40
Walter Metcalf,	80
Joseph Chandler,	3 20
Bert Hinman,	3 00
Moses Peabody,	2 00
W. W. Wilkins,	7 00
Ira Kitchen,	5 30
John Demsey,	7 00
Alvin A. Wilkins,	4 40
W. H. Gould,	4 80
Horace Flint,	4 80

<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$309 48
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<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$309 48
John Q. Averill,	1 50
Joseph Alias,	2 00
Samuel Currier,	5 10
Charles J. Brown,	6 00
John W. Millbury,	5 00
Porter I. Gould,	3 60
George P. Gould,	5 20
Charles I. Gould,	5 00
W. E. Gould,	4 00
L. P. Tufts,	12 80
George E. Peabody,	2 20
B. W. Peabody,	3 60
A. D. Bryer,	6 00
A. M. Richardson,	2 80
Liman S. Wilkins,	9 40
G. Payson Wilkins,	5 50
W. S. Millbury,	5 80
Willie Mennard,	4 80
James Durrah,	4 90
Daniel Murray,	6 00
Will C. Hayward,	1 35
Joseph Sicard,	2 50
Joseph Ouilette,	2 40
George Ouilette,	2 40
Stephen Ouilette,	60
Frank Benitez,	6 40
D. W. Kitchen,	1 40
W. W. Brown,	4 40
Edwin Currier,	6 70
Norton Demsey,	4 00
John Donovan,	5 80
Burton McGlauflin,	5 60

<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$454 23
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<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$454 53
Ed. Fuller,	5 00
Oscar Cram,	11 05
Walter Rounds,	4 80
George Currier,	1 48
John Higgins,	2 00
Ralph C. Wilkins,	3 60
John Crosby,	4 80
George E. Soper,	17 40
W. P. Earley,	3 40
Frank Witham,	4 00
C. F. Floyd,	5 20
Warren Thomas,	80
Austin C. Peabody,	7 20
Oscar Cram,	9 00
H. K. Richardson,	58 70
John R. Curtis,	2 00
Willie Richardson,	3 90
John A. Curtis,	2 00
C. A. Fletcher,	1 20
A. W. Peabody,	2 40
John C. Metcalf,	5 00

\$609 08

Selectmen's Department.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Jesse W. Peabody, Selectman and Assessor,	\$75 00
Andrew W. Peabody, Selectman and Assessor,	75 00
Dana I. Nash, Selectman and As- sessor,	75 00
Jesse W. Peabody, Registrar of Voters,	10 00
Andrew W. Peabody, " " "	10 00
Dana I. Nash, " " "	10 00
S. A. Fletcher, " " "	10 00
" " " Town Clerk,	8 00
" " " " Treasurer,	35 00
" " " recording marriages, births and deaths,	15 45
Andrew W. Peabody, services as Inspector of cattle and meat,	40 00
M. E. Tyler, school committee,	35 00
B. T. Glaufflin, " "	30 00
Edward M. Ingalls, school committee,	20 00
Oscar Cram, constable,	35 00
Charles J. Brown, police,	6 00
Frank H. Benitez, "	6 00
Fred W. Giles, election officer,	3 00
B. T. McGlaufflin, " "	3 00
Loren G. Estey, " "	3 00
Oscar Cram, " "	3 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<i>\$507 45</i>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$507 45
B. T. McGlauffin, school committee	
1896,	17 50
Henry A. Young, election officer,	3 00
Albert A. Wilkins, Auditor,	5 00
Jesse W. Peabody, collector of taxes,	110 40

\$643 35

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

H. A. Wilkins & Son, supplies for	
Mrs. Wells,	\$ 6 92
H. A. Wilkins & Son, supplies for	
Frank Russell,	76 00
Town of Middleton, wood for Frank	
Russell,	18 50
Dr. Holland, medical attendance	
for Frank Russel,	4 00
Lore & Russell, coal for Frank	
Russell,	6 25
Albert A. Wilkins, supplies for Frank	
Russell,	76 38
Jesse F. Hayward, supplies for Frank	
Russell,	23 73
Jesse W. Peabody, cash paid for	
medicines for Frank Russell,	2 00
Walter Metcalf for milk, for Frank	
Russell,	14 00
Dr. Vinal, medical attendance for	
Frank Russell,	4 00
Warren G. Perkins, house rent for	
Frank Russell,	45 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$276 78

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$276 78
G. A. Bean, moving goods for Frank Russell,	10 00
Cash paid house rent in Lynn for Frank Russell,	10 00
Jesse F. Hayward, supplies for Mrs. D. Wells,	2 79
Lore & Russell, coal for Mrs. D. Wells,	6 25
Daniel Donovan, boarding Mrs. D. Wells,	51 00
Dr. Rohrer, medical attendance for Mrs. D. Wells,	9 50
Jesse F. Hayward, supplies for Henry Peabody,	15 00
Lore & Russell, coal one-half ton for Henry Peabody,	3 12
Town of Middleton, wood, for Henry Peabody,	5 00
Town of Melrose, house rent for W. F. Russell,	156 00
Town of Melrose, clothing for W. F. Russell,	16 25
Elizabeth M. McGlaflin,	48 00
Lore & Russell, coal for Scott Wilkins,	6 25
Town of Middleton, wood for Scott Wilkins,	5 75
Lore & Russell, coal for Ancel Nickerson,	3 13
Town of Middleton, wood, for Ancel Nickerson,	5 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$529 82

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$529 82	
Dr. Rohrer, medical attendance for		
Henry Peabody,	3 00	
Frank Russell, cash,	15 00	
City of Lynn, aid for Frank Russell,	5 50	
Dr. Vinal, medical attendance for		
Henry Peabody,	1 00	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for		
Henry Peabody,	4 00	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for		
Henry Peabody, 1895-96,	19 00	
Town of Middleton, wood for Mrs. D.		
Wells,	5 00	
		\$682 32
Cash received of A. W. Peabody,		
for coal,	\$ 4 00	
Cost for Soldier's relief,	678 32	
		\$682 32

STATE AID ACCOUNT.

Hugh Cook,	\$36 00
Catharine Danforth,	24 00
Susan A. Stewart,	42 00
Sarah M. Mathews,	48 00
Henry Peabody,	32 00
Lydia M. Peabody,	48 00
Isaiah B. Peabody,	24 00
Patrick Donovan,	56 00
Benjamin W. Peabody,	36 00
Mary E. Manning,	48 00
Annie J. Sheldon,	42 00

Amount carried forward,

\$436 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$436 00
Angeline Newhall,	48 00
Albert R. Bowley,	48 00
Ancel Nickerson,	12 00

\$544 00

MILITARY AID ACCOUNT.

Scott Wilkins,	\$12 00
Benjamin F. Gould,	6 00

\$18 00

TOWN HALL DEPARTMENT.

DR.

Fred E. Campbell, janitor,	\$6 35
Lore & Russell, coal,	37 50
Danvers Water Board, water,	6 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies,	40
Albert A. Wilkins, supplies,	8 89
Henry A. Young, janitor,	86 40
“ “ “ supplies,	3 60

\$149 14

CR.

Cash received from I. O. R. M.	\$52 25
“ “ “ First Congregational Society,	15 00
Cash received from entertainments and dance,	72 40

\$139 75

Balance against the Town,

9 39

\$149 14

FOOTLIGHTS AND CURTAINS FOR TOWN HALL.

Appropriation,	\$125 00
O. L. Story, curtains and footlights,	\$125 00

CEMETERY.

Appropriation,	\$125 00
John M. Peabody, labor,	\$99 50
“ “ “ removing snow,	5 00
“ “ “ supt. of cemetery,	10 00
Danvers Water Board, water for cemetery,	6 00
	\$120 50
Unexpended,	4 50
	\$125 00

NAMING AVENUES AND ERECTING BOARDS IN CEMETERY.

Appropriation,	\$30 00
M.E.Tyler, painting and lettering boards,	\$16 20
Andrew W. Peabody, posts,	13 00
	\$29 20
Unexpended,	80

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

Appropriation,	\$100 00
Amount expended by the committee,	97 48
Amount unexpended	\$ 2 52

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

American Express Co., express on stove,	\$ 25	
B. T. McGlauflin, car fare and time to Boston,	1 83	
B. T. McGlauflin, freight and express on hose,	70	
B. T. McGlauflin, cash paid C. Bagley, carrying hose, etc.,	2 50	
Henry F. Knowles, hose, etc.,	163 00	
Knight & Thomas, fire extinguisher,	22 00	
J. F. Porter, chairs and tables,	7 40	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies,	78	
Albert A. Wilkins, supplies,	80	
J. E. Ropes & Co., stove and funnel,	6 25	
B. T. McGlauflin, compensation to firemen,	60 00	
		\$265 51
Appropriation,		260 00
Overdrawn,		\$5 51

FOREST FIRES.

Paid B. T. McGlauflin, forest fire warden,	7 65	
B. T. McGlauflin, fighting fire in No. Reading,	76 42	
B. T. McGlauflin, fighting fire near paper mill,	4 00	
B. T. McGlauflin, fighting fire on River street,	159 65	
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$247 72	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$247 72
Martin Hayward, fighting fire on River street,	13 50
Oscar Cram, watchman at fire on River street,	4 50
D. I. Nash, time and expenses with the state fire marshal,	5 50
B. T. McGlauffin, services as fire warden,	5 00
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	\$276 22

ABATEMENTS.

Jessie W. Peabody, tax list of 1892,	\$10 65
" " " " " " 1893,	73 93
" " " " " " 1894,	132 32
Samuel A. Fletcher, " " " 1890,	21 26
" " " " " " 1891,	8 14
Frank L. Estey, " " " 1895,	50 93
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	\$297 23

MISCELLANEOUS.

Henry M. Meek, birth return, books and postage,	\$ 83
M. E. Tyler, attending hearing in Boston,	6 00
J. A. Shatswell, returning births,	75
Barry & Lufkin, printing town reports,	45 35
" " " " school reports,	20 80
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$162 60

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$999 99
Farr & Silsbee, surveying for state highway,	150 00
Farnham Stiles, scaler of weights and measures,	5 00
Greenough, Adams & Cushing, state record ink,	75
Lewis Brown, bound stone, North Andover and Middleton,	7 00
E. A. Mackintire, record book,	1 50
John M. Peabody, returning 9 deaths,	2 25
“ “ “ care street lamp,	12 00
H. A. Wilkins, supplies street lamp,	6 93
Samuel A. Fletcher, cash paid keys to ballot box,	55
Samuel A. Fletcher, express, postage and stationery,	4 80
Samuel A. Fletcher, administering oaths,	4 00
Jesse W. Peabody, tax book and express,	1 15
Jesse W. Peabody, journey out town, car fare and postage,	3 70
D. I. Nash, journey out town, car fare and postage,	4 20
S. A. Fletcher, journey to Boston and returning births,	3 50
M. E. Tyler, taking school census,	4 00
Oscar Cram, expenses as police officer,	7 01

\$292 07

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Schools,	\$2,086 30
Incidental school expenses,	159 10
School books and supplies,	126 19
Highway department,	948 66
Bridges,	152 53
Removing snow,	609 08
Poor department,	1,261 09
Town officers,	643 35
State aid,	544 00
Soldier's relief,	682 32
Town Hall account,	149 14
Cemetery,	120 50
Memorial Day,	97 48
Fire department,	265 51
Forest fires,	276 22
Abatements,	297 23
Miscellaneous,	292 07
High School pupils,	456 25
Tramp department,	80 24
Naming avenues and erecting boards in cemetery,	29 20
Foot lights and curtains for Town Hall,	125 00
Painting school house,	203 85
Repairs on school house,	74 34
Grading school house yard,	44 00
Military aid,	18 00
Sidewalks,	34 00
Sophronia Fuller, lot in cemetery,	5 00
P. B. Russell, lot in cemetery,	3 00

\$9,783 65

FLINT BOOK FUND.

Amount received of Executors of		
Hon. Charles L. Flint,		\$5,000 00
Notes against Town of Middleton,	3,800 00	
Deposited in Savings Bank,	1,200 00	
		<u>\$5,000 00</u>

INCOME ACCOUNT.**DR.**

To balance unexpended, Feb. 1897,	\$626 26	
“ interest due at bank, Oct. 1897,	17 38	
“ “ received from Town on notes,	244 25	
“ “ “ “ bank, on \$600,	12 00	
		<u>\$899 89</u>

CR.

By amount expended on books,	\$304 29	
“ “ “ “ periodicals,	37 85	
“ “ unexpended,	557 75	
		<u>\$899 89</u>

FLINT BUILDING FUND.**DR.**

To balance on hand, Feb. 1897,	\$170 26	
“ balance cash for grass on Library lot,	2 00	
To interest due at Salem Five Cent Savings Bank,	6 86	
		<u>\$179 12</u>

CR.

By cash paid for screens for Library, \$ 50 00
 " balance on Bank account, 129 12

\$179 12

Middleton, Feb. 1898.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, treasurer, in account with Sophronia
 Fuller Fund for cemetery lot,

DR.

To balance on hand as per last year's
 account, \$204 08
 To interest credited Oct., 1897. 8 24

\$212 32

CR.

By cash paid T. Carlin, work on lot, \$5 00
 By balance on Bank account. 207 32

\$212 32

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, treasurer, in account with P. B.
 Russell fund, for cemetery lot.

DR.

To balance on hand as per last year's
 account, \$102 34
 To interest credited Oct., 1897, 4 12

\$106 46

CR.

By cash paid J. M. Peabody, work
 on lot, \$3 00
 By balance on bank account, 103 46

\$106 46

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, tax collector, in account with the
Town of Middleton.

DR.

Balance of tax list of 1890, as per last year's report,	\$123 89	
Interest collected on tax list of 1890,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$125 89

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list of 1890,	\$101 23	
Amount uncollected,	24 66	
	<hr/>	\$125 89

DR.

Balance of tax list of 1891, as per last year's report,	\$60 95	
Interest collected on tax list of 1891,	5 62	
	<hr/>	\$66 57

CR.

Amount paid Treasurer on tax list of 1891,	\$26 82	
Amount uncollected,	39 75	
	<hr/>	\$66 57

JESSE W. PEABODY, tax collector, in account with the Town
of Middleton.

DR.

Balance on tax list of 1892, as per last year's report,	\$12 81	
Interest collected,	1 17	
	<hr/>	\$13 98

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list of 1892,	\$13 98
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DR.

Balance on tax list of 1893, as per last year's report,	\$185 25
Interest collected,	<u>7 33</u>
	\$192 58

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list of 1893,	\$133 06
Uncollected tax of 1893,	<u>59 52</u>
	\$192 58

DR.

Balance on tax list of 1894, as per last year's report,	\$711 76
Interest collected,	<u>43 40</u>
	\$755 16

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list of 1894,	\$478 35
Uncollected tax of 1894,	<u>276 81</u>
	\$755 16

DR.

Balance on tax list of 1896, per last years's report,	\$2,109 73
Interest collected,	<u>27 22</u>
	\$2,136 95

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list of

1896, \$ 762 26

Uncollected tax of 1896, 1,374 69

\$2,136 95

DR.

Amount of tax list of 1897, \$11,067 88

Interest collected, 2 36

\$11,070 24

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list of

1897, \$6,733 41

Uncollected tax of 1897, 4,336 83

\$11,070 24

F. L. ESTEY, tax collector, in account with Town of Middleton.

DR.

Balance on tax list of 1895, as per

last year's report, \$1,254 32

Interest collected, 30 41

\$1,284 73

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list of

1895, \$ 514 23

Uncollected tax of 1895, 770 50

\$1,284 73

TREASURER'S REPORT.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, treasurer, in account with the Town of Middleton for the year ending Feb., 1898.

DR.

To balance in treasury, Feb., 1897,	\$581 70
“ cash from North Andover,	403 89
“ “ “ Town of Holden,	43 00
“ “ “ “ “ Topsfield,	23 75
“ “ “ “ “ North Reading,	7 01
“ cash from Leon G. Hayward for license,	3 00
“ cash from Fred E. Campbell for use of Hall,	6 76
“ cash from State Treasurer, inspector of animals,	20 00
“ cash from State Treasurer, on note,	1,500 00
“ cash from Miss Cairns, use of schoolhouse,	2 50
“ cash from F. H. Wilkins for lumber,	1 53
“ cash from M. E. Tyler for junk sold,	25
“ cash from Otis H. Rennard, for board of wife,	53 39
“ cash from Allen & Rogers, balance on interest,	5 84
“ cash from State Treasurer on note,	1,000 00
“ cash from Danvers Savings Bank,	1,000 00
“ cash from State Treasurer, temporary support of state paupers,	7 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$4,659 62</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$4,659 62
To cash from Otis H. Rennard for board of wife,	42 43
" cash from Mrs. Willianna Mil- berry, cemetery lot,	10 00
" cash from Osgood Stiles, ceme- tery lot,	18 00
" cash from Fred J. Derry, ceme- tery lot,	18 00
" cash from A. W. Peabody, for paint from schoolhouse,	19 77
" cash from State Treasurer for cor- poration tax,	38 81
" cash from State Treasurer for National bank tax,	29 02
" cash from State Treasurer for State aid,	408 00
" cash from Frank Russell, for wood	7 50
Received from B. T. McGlauffin, butcher license,	1 00
Received from M. E. Tyler, stove sold,	7 00
" " Henry Young, for use of Town Hall,	159 65
Received from M. E. Tyler, book sold,	25
" " County Treasurer, dog license returned,	140 52
Received from State school fund,	345 03
" " Lyman Darling Cem- etery lot,	20 00
Received from Sophronia Fuller Cemetery fund,	5 00
Received from Persis B. Russell, Cemetery fund,	3 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$5,932 60

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$5,932 60
Received from North Andover, one-	
half expense of bound stone,	3 50
Received from Frank Benitez, for wood,	6 50
" " Charles Cross, for wood,	4 50
" " Lynn Institution for	
Savings,	3,000 00
Received from A. W. Peabody, for	
coal from Mrs. Well's estate,	4 00
Received from sale of wood for	
schools and soldier's relief,	49 25
S. A. Fletcher, on taxes of 1890,	101 23
" " " " " " 1891,	26 82
Jesse W. Peabody, on taxes of 1892,	13 98
" " " " " " 1893,	133 06
" " " " " " 1894,	478 35
Frank L. Estey, on taxes of 1895,	514 23
Jesse W. Peabody, on taxes of 1896,	762 26
" " " " " " 1897,	6,733 41

\$17,763 69

CR.

Paid interest on note of \$2,000 00,	\$ 80 00
" Allen & Rogers, interest on note	
of \$2,500 00,	50 00
" A. W. Peabody, balance on	
note of \$700 00 and interest,	781 73
" County Tax,	475 39
" State Tax,	367 50
" State Treasurer, note of \$1,500 00	
and interest,	1,532 08
Paid A. P. Tyler, interest on note of	
\$800 00, B. F. Emerson Fund,	40 00

Amount carried forward, \$3,326 70

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$3,326 70
Paid State Treasurer, note of \$1,000 00	
and interest, .	1,017 50
Paid Danvers Savings Bank, note of	
\$1,000 00 and interest,	1,020 00
Paid \$600 00 on note of Flint book	
fund,	600 00
Paid interest on note of Flint book fund,	169 25
" " " " " " " "	75 00
discount on \$3,000 00 note,	90 00
Selectmen's orders,	9,783 91
Balance in treasury,	1,681 33
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	\$17,763 69

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, *Treasurer.*

ASSESSORS' VALUATION OF PROPERTY.

Real estate,	\$487,334 00
Personal estate,	54,248 00
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	\$541,582 00
Number of polls, 230,	
Rate of taxation, \$19 50 per \$1,000.	
Tax on polls,	\$ 460 00
Tax on real estate,	9,503 01
Tax on personal estate,	1,057 83
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	\$11,020 84
Amount voted for current expenses, \$2,500 00	
Schools,	1,700 00
Supplies,	225 00
Incidentals,	125 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$4,550 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$4,550 00
Amount Highways,	1,000 00
Bridges,	150 00
Cemetery,	125 00
Memorial Day,	100 00
Library lot,	600 00
Support of poor,	2,000 00
Tuition of High school scholars,	800 00
Compensation of firemen,	60 00
Enforcement of liquor law,	50 00
Fire hose and supplies,	200 00
Repairing sidewalks,	50 00
Naming avenues and erect- ing boards at cemetery,	30 00
Laying floor at school house,	75 00
Grading Centre school yard,	50 00
Painting Centre school house,	175 00
Footlights and curtain at Town Hall,	125 00
County tax,	475 39
State tax,	367 50
Overlay,	37 95
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	\$11,020 84

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY,

Library building and land,	\$14,000 00
Flint Public Library,	3,600 00
Town hall,	5,400 00
School houses,	8,000 00
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<i>Amonnt carried forward,</i>	\$31,000 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$31,000 00
Lock-up,	500 00
Cemetery,	1,300 00
Hearse and hearse house,	800 00
Fire apparatus and hose house,	1,000 00
Gravel pit,	50 00
B. F. Emerson fund,	10,025 36
C. L. Flint book fund,	5,000 00
Road machine,	200 00
School books in use,	400 00
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	\$50,275 36

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of town notes on interest at	
5 per cent.,	\$4,600 00
Amount of town notes on interest at	
4 per cent.,	7,500 00
Due the schools,	561 80
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	\$12,661 80

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per Treasurer's	
account,	\$1,681 33
Due from State on account of State	
aid,	108 00
Due from State on account of military,	9 00
" " State Board of Health,	138 00
" " Gloucester,	1,191 20
School books on hand,	400 00
Due from Otis F. Rennard,	85 15
" " State,	4 00
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	\$3,616 68

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$3,616 68
Amount of uncollected tax, 1890,	24 66
“ “ “ “ 1891,	39 75
“ “ “ “ 1893,	59 52
“ “ “ “ 1894,	276 81
“ “ “ “ 1895,	770 50
“ “ “ “ 1896,	1,374 69
“ “ “ “ 1897,	4,336 83
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	\$6,882 76
Balance against the town,	2,162 36
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	\$12,661 80
Decrease in town debt,	\$2,024 35

JESSE W. PEABODY,	} <i>Selectmen of</i>
ANDREW W. PEABODY,	
DANA I. NASH,	
	<i>Middleton.</i>

Flint Public Library.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Another year has been added to our history as a Library, and we are pleased to note the continued appreciation of the advantages afforded this community in a Library so well furnished with recent publications, valuable books of reference and current periodical literature.

A large number of new books have been added to the Library during the past year, and a few worn out books have been replaced by new ones.

Among the new books which have been purchased is a fine set of the Century Dictionary, which with the Encyclopedias already on our shelves afford ample opportunity for special research.

We acknowledge with thanks the gift, on June 17th, of the bust of Sir Walter Scott, by Mrs. William C. Endicott. It is very pleasant to have our Library remembered in this way by a descendant of one of the early ministers of this town, Rev. Elias Smith.

The Library is indebted to Mr. W. S. Armstrong of Dolgeville, N. Y., for the Dolgeville Herald, and to the proprietors of the Woman's Journal for a copy weekly of that paper. We are furnished gratuitously with Traveller's Record and Good Roads.

Following are the publications to be found in the reading room:

Weekly:—Youth's Companion, Life, Harper's, Scientific American, Woman's Journal, Good Roads and Dolgeville Herald.

Monthly:— Atlantic, Antiquarian, Century, Scribners' Magazine, New England Magazine, Forum, Review of Reviews, McClure's Magazine, Munsey's Magazine, Our Dumb Animals, St. Nicholas, Traveller's Record.

ANSEL P. TYLER,	}	<i>Trustees of Flint Public Library.</i>
SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,		
GEORGE F. HASKELL,		
JESSE W. PEABODY,		
H. HERBERT WILKINS,		
GALEN B. HOWE,		

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Books in library Feb. 1897,	4,625
New books purchased, DeWolfe, Fiske & Co.,	261
Books presented by R. B. Swift,	1
“ “ “ William H. Fuller,	3
“ “ “ Moses Hull,	1
“ “ “ Mass. State Secretary,	6
“ “ “ U. S. Government,	12
Books in Library, Feb., 1898,	4,913

Pamphlets received in 1897:

From William H. Fuller,	7
“ Rev. W. P. Landers,	1
“ H. P. Emerson,	1
“ Lorrin A. Thurston,	1
“ Peabody Institute, Danvers,	1
“ Public Library, Salem,	1
“ “ “ Bedford,	1
“ “ “ Newton,	1
“ Essex Co. Treasurer,	1
“ Mass. State Secretary,	3
“ U. S. Government,	6

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New names added to the list of persons receiving books from the library,	59
Whole number of books taken from the library, Feb. 1, 1897 — Feb. 1, 1898,	5,176
Whole number of visitors registered in the library, Feb. 1, 1897 — 1898,	50
Largest number of books circulated in month of January, 1898,	504
Smallest number of books circulated in month of Dec., 1897,	338
Number of days the library has been open,	103

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, *Librarian*.

Middleton, Feb. 1, 1898.

**S. A. FLETCHER IN ACCOUNT WITH FLINT
PUBLIC LIBRARY.**

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To services as librarian and janitor,	\$150 00
“ cash paid F. J. Barnard, binding books,	16 69
“ cash paid for four insurance pol- icies,	75 90
“ cash paid Danvers Water Board,	7 00
“ “ M. E. Tyler, for team- ing,	1 30
“ cash paid Walworth Mfg. Co., 105 gallons gasolene, at 15c.,	15 75
“ cash paid Lore & Russell, for coal,	45 48
“ cash paid C. F. Floyd, care of lawn,	8 93
“ cash paid J. A. Atwood, cutting trees and care of lawn,	16 95
“ cash paid Herbert O. Hatch, mending pipe,	50
“ cash paid B. & M. R. R. Co., freight,	1 50
“ cash paid American Express Co.	2 49
“ “ “ Philbrick & Perkins, paper for covers,	2 58
“ cash paid L. P. Fletcher, cata- logueing books,	13 00
“ cash paid H. A. Wilkins & Sons, saw, saw horse, etc., etc.,	2 16

Amount carried forward, \$360 23

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$360 23	
To cash paid John H. Choate & Co.,		
printing catalogues,	28 75	
“ cash paid for car fare, postage		
stamps, etc.,	3 26	
“ cash paid for sharpening mower		
and mending chair,	1 34	
		\$393 58

DR.

Received of B. F. Emerson Fund,	\$385 12	
for two gasolene barrels,		
returned,	1 60	
for catalogues and fines,	6 86	
		\$393 58

Middleton, Feb. 1, 1898.

B. F. EMERSON FUND.

The Trustees of the B. F. Emerson fund submit the following as their ninth annual report.

Atchison income bonds,	\$2,119 24	
Atchison 4% bonds,	2,948 25	
N. Y. & N. E. R. R. 6% bonds,	2,290 00	
Town of Middleton note,	800 00	
Andover Savings bank,	1,000 00	
Danvers Savings bank,	867 87	
		\$10,025 36

INCOME ACCOUNT.

DR.

Balance on hand, Feb. 1897,	\$111 54
“ N. Y. & N. E. R. R.,	120 00
“ on Atchison 4% bonds,	100 00
“ “ “ income bonds,	30 00
“ “ Town note,	40 00
“ “ Andover bank,	46 66
“ “ Danvers bank,	27 28

 \$475 48

CR.

Paid for safe deposit vault,	\$ 10 00
“ to S. A. Fletcher on library acct.,	385 12
“ A. Shepard, care of Emerson lot,	2 50
By balance on hand,	77 86

 \$475 48

A. P. TYLER,	} Trustees of
S. A. FLETCHER,	
M. J. EMERSON,	
M. E. TYLER,	
F. P. MERRIAM,	

B. F. Emerson Fund.

Middleton, Feb. 1, 1898.

Auditor's Report.

The Auditor of the Town of Middleton having examined the books and accounts of the town ending February 22, 1898, finds vouchers for all orders drawn on treasury. He also finds in the Treasurer's hands funds as required by the books.

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Respectfully,

ALBERT A. WILKNS, *Auditor.*

Estimates for Next Year.

The Finance Committee respectfully submits the following estimates of sums to be raised to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year.

Current expenses,	\$2,500 00
Poor department,	1,000 00
Highways,	800 00
Bridges,	100 00
Repairing sidewalks,	50 00
Schools,	1,600 00
High school pupils,	650 00
School incidental expenses,	150 00
School supplies,	150 00
Compensation to firemen,	60 00
Cemetery,	100 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
Enforcement of the law against the the sale of intoxicating liquors,	50 00
Appropriation for library lot,	600 00
	\$7,860 00

List of Jurors.

The following list of persons qualified for Jurors prepared and posted by the Selectmen will be submitted to the town at the annual town meeting for revision and acceptance.

Hosa W. Richardson,
Samuel A. Fletcher,
John M. Peabody,
Frank L. Estey,
Charles A. Fletcher,
Joseph W. Russell,
Loren G. Estey,
Daniel Weston,

Sylvanus Flint,
Elie E. Richardson,
Charles J. Brown,
Solomon W. Weston,
Hazen K. Richardson,
Kendall F. Richardson,
Henry F. White,
John A. Curtis.

Town Meeting Warrant.

To Oscar Cram, Constable for the Town of Middleton, in the County of Essex.

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Middleton qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on Monday, the Fourteenth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to revoke Sections 25 and 26, Chapter 423, of the Acts of 1893.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to accept Sections 74, 75, 76 and 77 of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes, on the petition of Austin P. Bagley, and nine others.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Orders of the Town of Middleton by adopting the following article, or take any action thereon. The assessors shall cause to be printed an account of the valuation and taxation of the Town for the year 1898 and 1899, and also for each third year thenceforward, on the petition of Austin P. Bagley and nine others.

Art. 7. To vote on the question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? The vote will be by a separate ballot, and the ballot shall be "Yes" or "No" in answer to said question.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will have cut on the town lot what wood that will be necessary for the year ensuing and hauled to the lockup to be sawed and split by persons applying for a night's lodging, and determine how the wood when sawed and split shall be disposed of.

Art. 9. To see how much money the Town will raise to pay the tuition of the High School pupils.

Art. 10. To see how much money the Town will raise to defray town charges the ensuing year, and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

Art. 11. To see what action the Town will take in relation to discount and interest on taxes.

Art. 12. To act on the list of jurors prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Art. 13. To see what action the Town will take in regard to letting the Town Hall.

Art. 14. To see what action the Town will take in regard to enforcement of law in regard to the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Art. 15. To see what action the Town will take concerning the Cemetery.

Art. 16. To see what action the Town will take for the prevention of fires and in respect to compensation of firemen.

Art. 17. To see what measures the Town will adopt for the removal of snow from the sidewalks.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to paint and varnish the hearse and purchase one pair of double harnesses and runners and make appropriation for the same.

Art. 19. To see what action the Town will take in regard to unoccupied school houses.

Art. 20. To see what action the Town will take in re-

gard to compensating the Merritt Electric Company for blowing school and fire signals.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to be used on the road leading from South Main Street through Haswell Park.

Art. 22. To see how much money the Town will raise for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer under the direction of the Selectmen to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to meet current expenses in anticipation of taxes of the present year and payable therefrom.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed may use.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer money as may be necessary to meet current expenses.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall and one at the Centre Post-Office, and one at the Post-Office in South Middleton in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doing thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 29th day of February, A. D. 1898.

JESSE W. PEABODY,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
ANDREW W. PEABODY,		of
DANA I. NASH,		<i>Middleton.</i>

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF MIDDLETON,

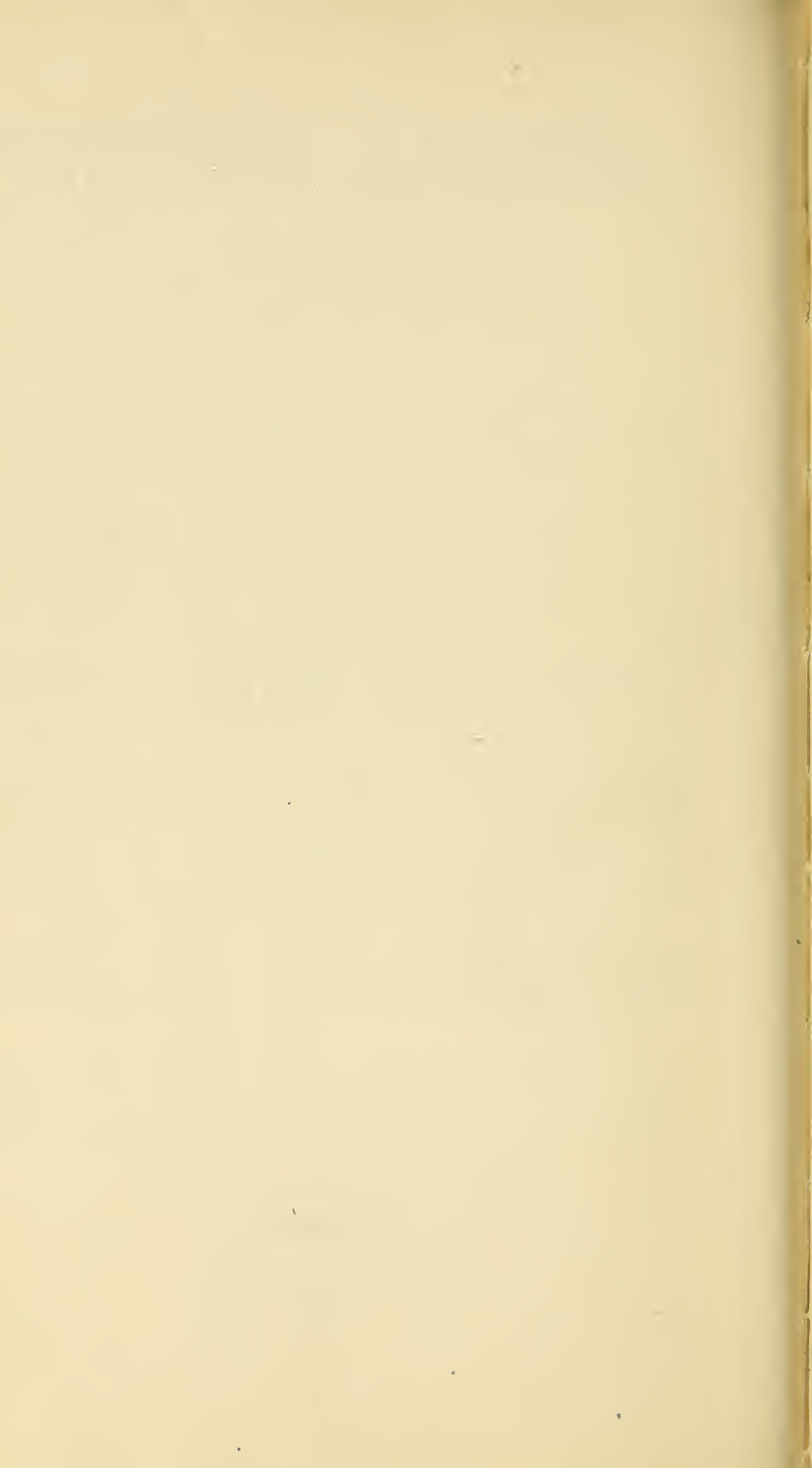
MASSACHUSETTS,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 22, 1899.

DANVERS:

DANVERS MIRROR PRINT.

1899.



TOWN REPORT.

School Department.

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

Jennie A. Lee, teaching grammar school	\$228 00	
Susie B. Gould, teaching grammar school	64 00	
Edith M. Randall, teaching grammar school	40 00	
Lena B. Pool, teaching grammar school	29 60	
Euphenia Smith, teaching intermediate school	210 00	
Annie M. Neis, teaching intermediate school	88 00	
Carrie W. Carpenter, teaching intermediate school	64 00	
Nellie C. Howe, teaching primary intermediate school	424 60	
George E. Currier, transporting school children	60 00	
Moses Peabody, transporting school children for 1898	610 00	
Moses Peabody, transporting school children for 1899	67 50	
H. K. Richardson, drawing 12 tons coal	12 00	
Lore & Russell, coal	10 50	
Lore & Russell, 12 tons of coal	60 00	
Town, 3 cords of wood	15 00	
J. J. Grothe, water from Jan. 1895 to July 1897	25 00	
James Q. Gallagher, water for 1898	10 00	
Augustus Shepard, janitor	65 60	
Balance due the schools	526 78	
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Balance due the school last year	\$525 25	
Town appropriation	1,600 00	
State school fund	329 62	
Amount received from dog license	155 71	
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		\$2,610 58

HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation		\$600 00
Unexpended appropriation of 1897		73 75
Town of Danvers, for tuition of 17 pupils	255 00	— — —
Town of Danvers, for tuition of 28 pupils	393 00	
Unexpended appropriation for 1898	25 75	
	— — —	\$673 75

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

H. K. Richardson, express and car fare	\$7 80	
“ “ “ “ grading school yard	16 10	
J. A. Atwood, labor and stock on East school house	3 94	
George B. Flint, repairs on school house	2 75	
Edmond Dernier, labor on school house	42 00	
Augustus Shepard, fumigating school house	7 00	
“ “ repairs on stove and setting glass	65	
Augustus Shepard, cash paid and labor on school house	11 90	
W. Henry Hutchinson, glass	60	
Pope Brothers, lumber for school house	57 35	
“ “ “ “ “ “ in 1897	1 80	
M. E. Tyler, express and postage	88	
H. K. Richardson, special service and cash paid	13 55	
James Q. Gallagher, for repairs on school house	110 00	
A. Shepard, repairs	95	
	— — —	\$168 37
Appropriation	\$150 00	
Overdrawn	18 37	
	— — —	\$168 37

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

J. L. Hammet & Co., school supplies	\$5 40	
“ “ “ “ “ per order of M. E. Tyler	4 00	
J. L. Hammet & Co., school supplies	5 14	
“ “ “ “ “	2 55	
“ “ “ “ “	8 58	
“ “ “ “ “	11 49	
Murphy, Lavens & Co., “ “	1 14	
George F. King & Co.	8 73	
Thomas P. Nichols, 100 certificated deportments	4 75	
American Book Co., supplies	10 08	
Thompson, Brown & Co., blanks	3 03	
Ginn & Co , 16 American histories	5 00	
“ “ books	8 33	
“ “ geographies	26 04	
American Book Co., supplies	1 92	
	<hr/>	\$106 16
Overdrawn		6 16
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Appropriation	\$100 00	\$100 00

Report of the Overseers of the Poor of Middleton.

Danvers Lunatic Hospital, board for Sarah Rennard	\$169 46
Town of Peabody, board for Frank Perkins	144 00
“ “ “ “ Harriet Smith	130 00
Town of Georgetown, aid rendered David P. Hutchinson	70 00
Town of Reading, aid rendered W. A. Melcher	18 00
City of Malden, board for Mary K. Mansfield	167 00
City of Salem Hospital, board for Joseph Chandler	34 26
City of Salem, aid rendered Frank Wilkins	5 20
E. H. Niles, medical attendance for Mrs. Colbey	4 00
H. G. Vinal, medical attendance for Mrs. Colbey	15 00
H. G. Vinal, medical attendance for Arthur Colbey	14 00
Lore & Russell, coal for Mrs. Colbey	6 50
Angeline Chandler, care and attendance for Mrs. Colbey	6 00
Charles Cross, wood for Mrs. Colbey	3 00
A. A. Wilkins, supplies for Geo. Margeson	2 00
H. G. Vinal, medical attendance family of Geo. Margeson	5 00
Henry F. Batchelder, consultation for F. H. Benitez	5 00
Town of Middleton, wood furnished F. H. Benitez	9 25
H. G. Vinal, hot air apparatus	12 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Chas. Wilkins	32 00
J. F. Hayward, supplies for Chas. Wilkins	6 00

Wood and Tramp Department.

DR.

H. A. Wilkins, supplies for tramps	\$ 8 07	
George Margeson, cutting wood	14 78	
F. H. Benitez, locking up 755 tramps	37 75	
“ “ working tramps 84 times	42 00	
Albert A. Wilkins, supplies for tramps	35 47	
Charles Cross, drawing wood	11 08	
F. H. Benitez, washing and mending blankets	2 00	
“ “ filing saw and repairs on horse	1 00	
Value of wood on stump	14 00	
Value of estimated wood on hand	20 00	
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin: 0;"/>	\$186 13

CR.

Center school, 3 cords of wood	\$15 00	
Frank Benitez, $2\frac{1}{4}$ cords of wood	9 25	
Mrs. Nickerson, $\frac{1}{2}$ cord of wood	2 50	
Value of estimated wood on hand	20 00	
Cost for supporting tramps	139 38	
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Highway Department.

Allen D. Bryer	\$102 67
Loren G. Estey	60 57
Loren G. Estey, gravel	10 70
John Q. Averill	92 25
H. K. Richardson	106 49
A. M. Richardson	44 33
Burton McGlauffin	9 00
Jesse Daniels	28 08
Leo W. Wilkins	29 23
William Richardson	6 75
Thomas McKenne	3 75
Jesse L. Peabody	25 05
Otis Rennard	5 02
Samuel Currier	29 25
J. B. Putney, gravel	10 90
John P. Fuller	30 25
Alvin Wilkins	23 25
J. M. Richardson	10 50
Howard Weaver	33 25
Fred Wilkins	3 00
Frank Curtis	18 23
Will Wilkins	5 58
Fred Flint	10 50
Chester Campbell	4 50
William Berry, gravel	1 80
Harley Tyler	7 41
Joseph Chandler	4 50
Mrs. Eunice Fletcher, for gravel	4 80
J. Burns, sharpening tools	55
Albert Coleman	15
Benjamin Peabody	75
Leverette Wilkins, gravel	50
Charles Bagley	9 00
A. G. Huntoon	9 30
John Milbury	4 65
Thomas Carlin	4 95

Woodman Bros. & Ross, gravel	\$7 30	
George Soper	18 00	
James Currier	1 50	
Levi Curtis	53	
Darius Case	75	
Henry Peabody	1 50	
Charles Brown	1 50	
Pope Bros., lumber	1 79	
James Q. Gallagher, repairing R. M. and tools	8 25	
L. G. Estey, branding iron	1 25	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies	3 87	
George Tyler & Co.	10 90	
Oscar Cram, error, 1897	3 00	
J. Q. Gallagher, 1897	10 50	
M. J. Emerson, housing road machine, 1897	2 00	
George Currier, covering stone	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$825 10
Appropriation	\$800 00	
Overdrawn	25 10	
	<hr/>	\$825 10

BRIDGES.

Appropriation		\$100 00
A. D. Bryer	\$7 00	
L. G. Estey	2 78	
Edmond Dernier	1 00	
Charles Bagley	3 50	
Charles Cross	50	
Charles Brown	2 25	
M. E. Tyler	50	
Pope Bros., lumber	58 84	
Chester Campbell	1 50	
Frank Curtis	1 50	
M. B. Page, pipe	6 80	
J. Q. Averill	2 90	
Alvin Wilkins	1 28	
S. M. Peabody	30	
	<hr/>	\$90 65
Unexpended		9 35
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		\$100 00

SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation		\$50 00
Allen D. Bryer	\$8 50	
Charles Brown	4 50	
Frank Curtis	3 75	
Allen Atwood	5 78	
John Milbury	11 25	
Thomas Carlin	4 50	
Samuel Currier	25	
J. B. Putney, for gravel	4 80	
E. S. Hutchinson	38	
L. G. Estey	3 00	
Harley Tyler	3 00	
	<hr/>	49 71
Unexpended		29
		<hr/>
		\$50 00

SNOW BILLS.

Charles Gould	\$7 00
William Quill	3 40
Charles Freeman	1 60
D. W. Kitchen	1 80
Vincent Lienbenski	1 80
W. E. Barker	2 60
G. B. Flint	70
James Rier	9 20
William Martin	4 80
William Sanford	9 18
George Michaud	3 60
Charles W. Paul	3 16
Albert Miller	5 90
Eben Miller	3 80
Robert Bowley	4 80
J. H. Fletcher	3 80
Fred Louelgrove	5 00
Samuel Peabody	2 40
Daniel Vanbuslurk	5 10

Barney Pine	\$2 20
Porter Gould	1 60
Charles Tyler	1 80
Thomas Knight	2 80
E. Murray	5 20
Louis Bushaw	1 30
Phelix Maynard	2 90
John Knight	4 00
Oscar Cram for 1897	13 45
Ira Kitchen	1 50
Frank Margeson	3 70
Morris Margeson	3 60
Benjamin Metcalf	8 00
Burton McGlaufflin	3 80
James Milbury	8 50
W. F. Freeman	4 40
John King	4 60
Jos. Chandler	4 90
Charles Rier	2 40
William Freeman	3 30
Lyman Wilkins	7 20
Payson Wilkins	3 00
Bray Wilkins	1 60
Ewd. McKenne	2 00
Chester Campbell	2 70
Joseph Willett	3 50
Samuel Willett	80
George Milbury	80
H. E. Howe	2 30
George Derry	1 40
Everett Bryer	4 60
L. F. Harlow	1 50
Fred Goodwin	3 60
J. L. Peabody	9 00
Augustus Peabody	80
W. E. Gould	2 60
Sloan	3 60
Thomas Dowell	4 80
J. J. H. Gregory	3 80

Albert Coleman	\$16 30
Fred Richardson	5 30
William Rowell	4 50
George Barnaby	1 00
G. W. Newman	1 80
James Leavitt	8 40
Allen Atwood	11 25
John Dempsey	15 70
L. G. Estey	24 20
Allen Bryer	22 40
Alvin Wilkins	8 50
Edward Peabody	7 50
George Peabody	7 90
George Gould	7 80
Walter Gould	1 20
Frank Witham	8 20
John Q. Averill	16 65
George Hinman	18 50
G. W. Morton	4 00
William Maynard	4 00
F. A. Upton	2 00
A. C. Hinman	2 00
George Soper	26 25
John Britania	1 80
James Cassidy	4 00
Joseph McKenne	4 10
Wesley Porter	40
Hazen Richardson	40
Forrest Peabody	3 30
Charles Bagley	8 30
Will Wilkins	5 25
Howard Weaver	7 00
Hosea Richardson	8 20
Earl Collins	5 40
Charles Como	3 90
Harley Tyler	11 35
John Milbury	55 10
William Brown	4 70
John Tuttle	10 50

John Fuller	\$32 65
Benjamin Ogden	8 40
Westley McCowan	4 30
Perley Richardson	2 50
A. G. Huntoon	2 60
Melvin Richardson	2 50
Frank Curtis	12 70
William Green	4 00
Willie Ogden	5 60
William Margeson	5 00
Charles Brown	7 40
George Margeson	13 60
Walter Rounds	6 80
John Higgins	6 80
John McCowan	3 80
George Currier	6 80
Frank Evans	6 80
Westley Milbury	4 40
Max Chandler	1 60
George Willett	4 40
John Morgan	3 30
Stephen Willett	7 18
Charles Morgan	2 60
Fred Flint	6 10
Henry Peabody	1 50
Herbert Hatch	2 00
C. O. Floyd	2 40
Wallace Peabody	10 50
Simon Marlet	2 70
Nelson T. Learn	2 70
George Woods	2 50
Edwin Currier	80
H. A. Currier	2 00
A. Conover	5 80
E. S. Hutchinson	7 20
D. W. Case	3 40
Daniel Richardson	4 80
Edward Smith	2 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, 1 dozen snow shovels	3 40

Selectmen's Department.

TOWN OFFICERS.

B. P. Richardson, selectman and assessor	\$115 00
Asa Howe, " "	108 00
M. J. Emerson, " "	100 00
B. P. Richardson, registrar of voters	10 00
Asa Howe, " " "	10 00
M. J. Emerson, " " "	10 00
S. A. Fletcher, " " "	10 00
" " town clerk	10 00
" " treasurer	35 00
H. K. Richardson, school committee	35 00
E. M. Ingalls, " "	35 00
H. E. Howe, " "	20 00
M. E. Tyler " "	5 00
L. G. Estey, road commissioner	10 00
Allen D. Bryer, " "	10 00
John Q. Averill, " "	10 00
Frank L. Estey, collecting taxes in 1896, 1897	15 00
Charles J. Brown, services as police on July 3 and 4	5 00
L. G. Estey, services as police on July 3 and 4	5 00
John W. Demsey, services as police on July 3 and 4	5 00
Henry Young, services as election officer	2 00
Fred W. Giles, " " " "	2 00
James H. Curtis, " " " "	2 00
B. T. McGlaulin, election officer	2 00
L. G. Estey, " "	2 00
Oscar Cram, constable	47 50
James H. Curtis, moderator	5 00
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	\$625 50

STATE AID ACCOUNT.

Catherine Danforth	\$14 00
Hugh Cook	45 00
Susan A. Stuart	48 00

Saran M. Matthews	\$4 00	
Henry Peabody	48 00	
Lydia M. Peabody	48 00	
Isaiah B. Peabody	24 00	
Patrick Donovan	72 00	
Benjamin W. Peabody	36 90	
Mary E. Manning	48 00	
Anna J. Sheldon	48 00	
Angeline Newhall	48 00	
Albert R. Bowley	72 00	
Ansel Nickerson	48 00	
Scott Wilkins	20 00	
	————	\$653 00

MILITARY AID.

Benjamin T. Gould	\$72 00	
Clarence P. Cram	40 00	
Loren Goodwin	83 43	
	————	\$195 43

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Town of Melrose, house rent for W. F. Russell	\$117 00
Town of Melrose, clothing for W. F. Russell	12 00
J. F. Hayward, provisions for Henry Peabody	2 00
Lore & Russell, balance on coal for Henry Peabody	38
A. W. Peabody, for wood for Henry Peabody	3 50
Wm. N. Brown, coal for Ansel Nickerson	6 50
Harry G. Vinal, professional services for Ansel Nickerson	24 00
H. E. Howe, wood for Ansel Nickerson	2 12
Town of Middleton, wood for Ansel Nickerson	2 50

Town of Middleton, to cash to Ansel		
Nickerson	\$2 00	
Loren Goodwin, soldier's relief	10 00	
Elizabeth M. McGlaflin, soldier's relief	36 00	
Frank Russell, soldier's relief	160 00	
Frank Russell, house rent to A. W. Peabody	5 00	
City of Beverly, Sophronia Terrio	7 50	
	<hr/>	\$390 50

TOWN HALL DEPARTMENT.

Dr.

Henry A. Young, janitor	\$124 15	
Lore & Russell, coal	6 25	
Henry A. Young, supplies	4 10	
Town of Danvers, water rates	3 00	
A. A. Wilkins, supplies	7 75	
“ “ “	7 40	
Town of Danvers, water rates	3 00	
Lore & Russell, coal	19 50	
A. A. Wilkins, supplies	3 85	
George Rounds, inspecting hall	1 50	
Lore & Russell, coal	6 50	
	<hr/>	\$187 00
Amount received above expense		10 70
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		\$197 70

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Cash received from I. O. R. M.	\$53 55
“ “ “ First Cong. Society	6 75
Entertainments and dance	137 40
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	\$197 70

FLAG STAFF.

Appropriation	\$125 00	
Paid committee		\$125 00

CEMETERY.

Town of Danvers, water rates	\$6 00	
John M. Peabody, labor	97 27	
“ “ “ care of Persis Russell lot	4 00	
“ “ “ removing snow	2 50	
“ “ “ cash paid for turning on water	1 00	
John M. Peabody, incidentals	7 65	
“ “ “ superintendent	10 00	
Thomas Carlin, care of D. Fuller lot	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$133 42
Appropriation		125 00
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Unexpended		\$8 42

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation		\$100 00
Flags	\$4 40	
S. A. Fletcher, cash and supplies	72 55	
E. W. Wilkins, “ “	1 95	
L. P. Fletcher, services	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$80 90
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Unexpended		\$19 10

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

A. A. Wilkins, supplies	\$3 17	
L. G. Esty. “	55	
“ “ chief of fire department	60 00	
Samuel Peabody, pumps	3 25	
Andrew J. Morse & Son, nozzle	1 50	
“ “ “ alarm box	1 65	
James Q. Gallagher, repairs on hose	1 25	
“ “ “ wheel of J. P. Fuller 1896 and 1897	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$75 37
Balance due		4 63
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Appropriation	\$80 00	\$80 00

FOREST FIRES.

Loren G. Esty, chief of department	\$7 20
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ABATEMENTS.

Heirs of Charles P. Preston, on 1897	\$1 62	
John Q. Averill, " "	2 92	
Edna G. Batchelder, " "	9 00	
F. P. Merriam, " "	8 87	
Frank L. Wilkins, " "	2 63	
Abigail F. Wilson, " 1898	2 90	
Caroline A. Fletcher, " "	1 23	
		\$29 17

HEARSE ACCOUNT.

Appropriation		\$25 00
M. E. Tyler, for painting and repairing hearse	\$20 00	
Unexpended	5 00	
		\$25 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Olvin H. Lufkin, printing Town reports	\$51 00
" " " School "	19 25
Joseph Marsh, balance on land sold for taxes	29 93
Edith Richardson, her interest in L. Richardson land, sold for taxes	4 66
Fred Richardson & Luella Fuller, interest in L. Richardson land, sold for taxes	4 66
Rebecca Richardson, interest in L. Richardson land, sold for taxes	4 66
C. E. & Effie Richardson, interest in L. Richardson land, sold for taxes	4 66
John B. Skinner, for police at flag raising	15 36
A. A. Wilkins, tax books and bond blanks	1 55
A. N. Webb, order books	3 25

J. E. Nightingale, repairing weights	\$2 40
Farnham Stiles, sealer of weights and measures	5 00
Greenough, Adams & Cushing, ink	75
M. E. Tyler, services as delegate on State highway	3 12
Asa Howe, services as delegate on State highway	3 12
L. G. Esty, services as delegate on State highway two times	5 24
Merritt Electric Co., blowing whistle	96 79
B. P. Richardson, journeys out of town three times, car fare	9 49
Asa Howe, journey out of town, car fare	2 00
S. A. Fletcher, journeys out of town, car fare	4 93
H. G. Vinal, for fumigating three houses	20 00
“ “ returning births	50
S. A. Fletcher, express and stationery	5 63
“ “ administering oaths	4 00
“ “ recording births, deaths and marriages	17 70
S. A. Fletcher, two fares to Lynn	1 20
B. P. Richardson, postage, express, cash for book	1 28
Theodore Metcalf, for disinfectants	6 40
D. I. Nash, telephone charges and postage 1897	65
D. I. Nash, for use of team 1897	1 32
A. A. Wilkins, assistant counter at Town meeting	2 50
H. G. Vinal, returning eight births	2 00
“ “ returning births	75
E. M. Ingalls, taking school census	4 00
George B. Flint, repairs on tramp house	4 00
George F. Haskell, teller at annual meeting	2 50
John M. Peabody, care of street lamp	12 00
“ “ returning thirteen deaths	3 25
Charles Cross, for delivering wood	1 50
B. P. Richardson, his interest in L. Richardson land, sold for taxes	4 66

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Schools	\$2,068 80	
Incidental school expenses	168 37	
School books and supplies	106 16	
High school pupils	643 00	
Poor department	953 03	
Wood and tramp department	152 13	
Highway department	825 10	
Bridges	90 65	
Sidewalks	49 71	
Removing snow	797 77	
Town officers	625 50	
State aid	653 00	
Military aid	192 93	
Soldiers' relief	390 50	
Town hall	187 00	
Cemetery	133 42	
Memorial day	80 90	
Flag staff	125 00	
Fire department	75 37	
Forest fires	7 20	
Abatements	29 17	
Painting hearse	20 00	
Miscellaneous	367 66	
	<hr/>	\$8,752 37

FLINT BUILDING FUND.

DR.

To balance on Bank Account, Feb. 1898	\$129 12	
“ interest at Five Cents Savings Bank	5 18	
“ cash received for grass on Library lot	2 50	
“ “ “ of J. A. Atwood for apples on Library lot	9 40	
To cash received of A. Shepard for apples on Library lot	75	
To cash received of S. W. Weston for cement	20	
	<hr/>	\$147 15

CR.

By cash paid Geo. B. Flint, 19½ days labor	\$68 25	
.. " .. " .. " for materials		
used	5 00	
By cash paid H. A. Wilkins & Sons, oil, etc.	7 37	
" " " A. Shepard, for labor	6 40	
" " " J. Milberry, for loam and labor	6 00	
" " " J. A. Atwood, for labor on lawn	8 25	
" " " C. P. Stiles, for sods	2 30	
" " " James Fairfield, barrel of cement	2 50	
" " " express on barrel of cement	1 00	
" balance in bank	40 08	
	<u> </u>	\$147 15

FLINT BOOK FUND.

Amount received of estate of Hon. Charles		
L. Flint		\$5,000 00
Notes against Town of Middleton	\$3,200 00	
Deposited in Savings Banks	1,800 00	
	<u> </u>	\$5,000 00

INCOME ACCOUNT.

DR.

To balance unexpended Feb. 1898	\$557 75	
" interest credited on bank account	55 28	
" " received from town on notes	215 00	
	<u> </u>	\$828 03

CR.

By amount expended on books	\$59 05	
" " " " periodicals	39 40	
" " unexpended	729 58	
	<u> </u>	\$828 03

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, treasurer, in account with Sophronia Fuller
Fund for care of cemetery lot.

DR.

To balance on hand as per last year's account	\$207 32	
To interest credited on bank account	8 36	
	<u> </u>	\$215 68

CR.

By cash paid T. Carlin, work on lot	\$5 00	
By balance on bank account	210 68	
	<u> </u>	\$215 68

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, treasurer, in account with P. B. Russell
fund, for care of cemetery lot.

DR.

To balance on hand as per last year's acct.	\$103 46	
To interest credited on bank account	4 16	
To cash received of Mrs. Russell	100 00	
	<u> </u>	\$207 62

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, treasurer, in account with funds for per-
petual care of cemetery lots.

DR.

To cash received from adm'r of estate of Melintha Gifford for care of lot	\$100 00	
" " received from adm'r of estate of Annie M. McIntire for care of lot	100 00	
" " received from adm'r of estate of Annie M. McIntire for lot of H. Amelia Thomas	75 00	
" " received from adm'r of estate of Annie M. McIntire for lot of A. S. McIntire	75 00	
" " received from adm'r of estate of Annie M. McIntire for lot of E. Larkin Eaton	75 00	
	<u> </u>	\$425 00

CR.

By cash deposited in Danvers Savings Bank		
for lot of heirs of Wm. Gifford	\$100 00	
“ “ deposited in Danvers Savings Bank		
for lot of Annie M. McIntire	100 00	
“ “ deposited in Danvers Savings Bank		
for lot of H. Amelia Thomas	75 00	
“ “ deposited in Danvers Savings Bank		
for lot of Abram S. McIntire	75 00	
“ “ deposited in Danvers Savings Bank		
for lot of E. Larkin Eaton	75 00	
	<u> </u>	\$425 00

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, tax collector, in account with the Town of Middleton.

DR.

Balance of tax list of 1890, as per last year's report		\$24 66
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DR.

Balance of tax list of 1891, as per last year's report	\$39 75	
Interest collected of tax list of 1891	1 84	
	<u> </u>	\$41 59

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list of 1891	\$6 67	
Amount uncollected on tax list of 1891	34 92	
	<u> </u>	\$41 59

JESSE W. PEABODY, tax collector, in account with the Town of Middleton.

DR.

Balance of the tax list of 1893, as per last year's report	\$59 52	
Interest collected	2 17	
	<u> </u>	\$61 69

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list 1893	\$25 40	
Uncollected on tax list of 1893	36 29	
	<u> </u>	\$61 69

DR.

Balance of the tax list of 1894, as per last year's report	\$276 81	
Interest collected	27 74	
	<u>-----</u>	\$304 55

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list 1894	\$138 55	
Uncollected on tax list of 1894	166 00	
	<u>-----</u>	\$304 55

DR.

Balance of the tax list of 1896 as per last year's report	\$1,374 69	
Interest collected	43 77	
	<u>-----</u>	\$1,418 46

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list 1896	\$459 45	
Uncollected on tax list of 1896	959 01	
	<u>-----</u>	\$1,418 46

DR.

Balance of the tax list of 1897, as per last year's report	\$1,336 83	
Interest collected	77 74	
	<u>-----</u>	\$1,414 57

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list 1897	\$1,949 72	
Uncollected on tax list of 1897	2,464 85	
	<u>-----</u>	\$4,414 57

TREASURER'S REPORT.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, treasurer, in account with the Town of Middleton for the year ending Feb. 28, 1899.

Dr.

To balance in treasury, Feb., 1898	\$1,681 33
To cash from David Hutchinson's estate	14 31
" " " Otis H. Rennerd	114 69
" " " State Treasurer for inspection of animals	20 00
" " from Danvers Saving Bank on note 1,000 00	
" " " H. K. Richardson for old floor boards	4 00
" " from George M. Derry for pedler's license	3 00
" " from State Treasurer for support of state paupers	4 00
" " from State Treasurer for Corpora- tion tax	3 63
" " from State Treasurer for National Bank tax	31 19
" " from State Treasurer for Military aid	6 00
" " from City of Gloucester for aid to family of J. Colbey	1,195 55
" " from Town of Danvers for gravel	2 80
" " " Oscar Sheldon for cemetery lot, No. 166	10 00
" " from C. Sias Giles for cemetery lot No. 366	10 00
" " from Wm. P. Christopher for cemetery lot No. 226	7 00
" " from Henry Young for use of town hall	197 70
" " from two bottles of ink sold	30
" " " Oscar Cram for old funnel	1 50
" " " bank for care of Sophronia Fuller's cemetery lot	5 00
" " from State Treasurer for state aid	\$530 00

To cash from State Treas., income of school fund	\$329 62	
“ “ from County Treasurer dog tax returned	155 71	
“ “ from S. A. Fletcher for taxes of 1891	6 67	
“ “ “ Jesse W. Peabody for taxes of 1893	25 40	
“ “ from Jesse W. Peabody for taxes of 1894	138 55	
“ “ from Jesse W. Peabody for taxes of 1896	459 45	
“ “ from Jesse W. Peabody for taxes of 1897	1,949 72	
“ “ from Frank L. Estey for taxes of 1895	364 40	
“ “ from John M. Peabody for taxes of 1898	5,895 00	
	<hr/>	\$14,166 52

CR.

Paid interest on note of \$2,000.00	\$80 00	
“ Asiatic National Bank, on note	500 00	
“ “ “ “ interest on notes	90 00	
“ County Treasurer, county tax	431 10	
“ Lynn Inst. for savings, note	3,000 00	
“ State Treasurer for state tax	300 00	
“ B. F. Emerson fund interest on note of \$800	40 00	
“ Flint Book Fund for interest	140 00	
“ “ “ “ “ “	75 00	
“ A. W. Peabody for interest	1 00	
“ Flint Book Fund on note	600 00	
“ Danvers Savings Bank interest on note	26 67	
“ on Overseers' orders	519 41	
“ “ Selectmen's orders	7,573 77	
“ “ State aid	653 00	
Balance on hand	136 57	
	<hr/>	\$14,166 52

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, *Treasurer.*

Middleton, Feb. 28, 1899.

ASSESSORS' VALUATION OF PROPERTY.

Real estate	\$490,898 00	
Personal estate	54,162 00	
	<hr/>	\$545,060 00
Additional real and personal estate		\$4,050 00
Number of polls, 239 $\frac{1}{2}$ 6.		
Rate of taxation, \$14.50 per \$1,000.		
Tax on polls	\$478 00	
Tax on real estate	7,139 69	
Tax on personal estate	785 77	
	<hr/>	\$8,403 46
Additional tax on personal and real estate	\$58 73	
Tax on additional polls	12 00	
Amount voted for current expenses	\$2,000 00	
Schools	1,600 00	
Supplies	100 00	
Incidentals	150 00	
Highways	800 00	
Bridges	100 00	
Sidewalks	50 00	
Cemetery	125 00	
Memorial Day	100 00	
Flag staff	125 00	
Library lot	600 00	
Support of poor	1,000 00	
Tuition of High school scholars	600 00	
Compensation of firemen	60 00	
Enforcement of liquor law	50 00	
Supplies of fire department	20 00	
Repairs of hearse	25 00	
County tax	431 10	
State tax	300 00	
Overlay	167 36	
	<hr/>	\$8,403 46

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Library building and land	\$11,000 00
Flint Public Library	3,600 00
Town hall	4,000 00

School houses	\$5,000 00
Lock-up	400 00
Cemetery	1,300 00
Hearse and hearse house	600 00
Fire apparatus and hose house	800 00
Gravel pit	25 00
B. F. Emerson fund	10,900 00
C. L. Flint book fund	5,000 00
Road machine	200 00
School books in use	300 00
	————— \$43,125 00

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of town notes on interest at 5 per cent.	\$4,000 00
Amount of town notes on interest at 4 per cent.	4,000 00
Estimated amount of unsettled bills	600 00
Due the schools	552 56
	————— \$9,152 56

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per Treasurer's account	\$136 57
Due from state on account of State aid	763 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ Military aid	106 71
School books on hand	300 00
Due from Gloucester	48 50
“ “ Otis F. Rennerd	169 46
“ “ Frank H. Benitez	26 25
“ “ Charles Wilkins	44 50
“ “ Sale on Margeson-Chandler account and Spencer	24 05

Amount of uncollected tax, 1890	\$24 66	
“ “ “ “ 1891	34 92	
“ “ “ “ 1893	36 29	
“ “ “ “ 1894	166 00	
“ “ “ “ 1895	438 81	
“ “ “ “ 1896	959 01	
“ “ “ “ 1897	2,464 85	
“ “ “ “ 1898	2,361 96	
	<hr/>	\$8,106 54
Balance against the town		1,046 02
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		\$9,152 56

B. P. RICHARDSON, } *Selectmen of*
 ASA HOWE, } *Middleton.*
 M. J. EMERSON, }

Flint Public Library.

In presenting our twentieth annual report we find little to add to what has been said before in this connection. Our people continue to enjoy the advantages afforded them by our Library, if we can judge by the number of books taken from the Library, or the number, particularly of our young people, pupils in our schools, who are to be found at the reading table consulting books of reference on subjects connected with their studies.

About fifty new books have been purchased during the year, and until another supplement is printed, the titles of new books will be found on a bulletin near the librarian's desk.

We trust that the fact is borne in mind, that while we are indebted to the kindness of the late Hon. Charles L. Flint for our library building, and most of the books contained in it, the running expenses, furnishings and conveniences of the Library are procured by funds provided for us through the thoughtfulness of the late B. F. Emerson, thus placing us under a debt of gratitude which we can honorably discharge only by using these privileges to the best of our ability.

We are often congratulated by people from out of town upon having a fine Library building and good selection of books, particularly by summer residents, who gratefully accept the same privileges that are enjoyed by our own citizens.

The following publications are to be found in the reading room :

Weeklies :—Youth's Companion, Life, Harper's, Scientific American, Woman's Journal and Good Roads. The last two are furnished gratuitously by the publishers.

Monthlies :—Atlantic, Antiquarian, Century, Scribner's, New England Magazine, Forum, Review of Reviews, McClure's Magazine, Munsey's Magazine, Our Dumb Animals and St. Nicholas. The Traveller's Record is sent to us gratuitously, and we are indebted to some unknown friend for the Woman's Home Companion.

ANSEL P. TYLER,	} Trustees of Flint Public Library.
GEORGE F. HASKELL,	
RALPH G. PEABODY,	
GALEN B. HOWE,	
H. HERBERT WILKINS,	
S. A. FLETCHER,	

Middleton, February, 1899.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Books in Library February 1, 1898	4,913
" purchased	53
" presented by Mrs. Charles F. Palmer	1
" " Towle Manuf'g Co., Newburyport	1
" " U. S. Government	8
" " Mass. State Secretary	7

Books in Library February 1, 1899 4,983

PAMPHLETS.

Received from Essex County	1
" " Syracuse, N. Y., library	1
" " Brookline Public " "	1
" " Hopedale " "	1
" " Salem " "	1
" " Somerville " "	1
" " Newton Free " "	1
" " Mass. State Secretary	7
" " Chelsea City Government	1

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New names added to list of persons receiving books
from the library 61

Whole number of books taken from the library, Feb.
1, 1898—Feb. 1, 1899 5,542

Number of visitors registered in the library, Feb. 1,
1898—Feb. 1, 1899 63

Largest circulation in any one month, April 579

Smallest " " " " " September 372

Number of days library has been open 104

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, *Librarian*.

Middleton, Feb. 1, 1899.

S. A. FLETCHER IN ACCOUNT WITH FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

CR.

To services as librarian and janitor \$150 00

To cash paid Walworth Mfg. Co., work and

fare

6 01

To cash paid Walworth Mfg. Co , 54 gallons gasolene at .15	\$8 10	
" " paid Walworth Mfg. Co , 52 gallons gasolene at .14½	7 61	
" " paid Walworth Mfg. Co , 51 gallons gasolene at .14	7 14	
" " paid Lore & Russell for coal	52 00	
" " paid for insurance on books in library	41 25	
" " paid Danvers Water Board	7 00	
" " " J. A. Atwood, care of lawn	23 55	
" " " Newhall & Colcord, sharpening and repairing lawn mower	2 00	
" " paid H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies	1 08	
" " " B. & M. R. R., freight	1 25	
" " " American Express	1 35	
" " " M. E. Tyler for teaming	1 30	
" " " M. J. Emerson, wood for library	3 00	
" " " for paper, mucilage, pens and postage	1 62	
	<hr/>	\$314 27

Dr.

By cash received of B. F. Emerson Fund for Library	\$301 91	
" " rec'd for gasolene barrels returned	2 40	
" " " at Library for catalogues, cards and fines	9 96	
	<hr/>	\$314 27

B. F. EMERSON FUND.

The Trustees of the B. F. Emerson Fund submit the following as their tenth annual report.

33 shares Atchison preferred stock at .61	\$2,013 00
\$2,500 " " general mortgage, 4 per cent., \$1.00	2,500 00

\$1,000 Atchison adjustment bonds, 4 per cent., .83	830 00	
\$2,000 N. Y. & N. E. R. R., 1st mortgage 6 per cent., \$1.14 $\frac{3}{4}$	2,295 00	
Deposited in Salem Savings Bank, proceeds of Atchison scrip.	465 00	
Deposited in Andover Savings Bank	1,115 00	
“ “ Danvers “ “	898 00	
Town of Middleton note, 5 per cent.	800 00	
	<hr/>	\$10,916 00

INCOME ACCOUNT.

DR.

To balance on hand, Feb. 1, 1898	\$77 86	
“ dividend 1 on Atchison preferred stock	33 00	
“ interest 4 per cent. Atchison General mortgage bonds	100 00	
To interest 4 per cent. Adjustment bonds	40 00	
“ “ 6 “ N. Y. & N. E. R. R. bonds	120 00	
To interest 5 per cent. Town of Middleton note	40 00	
“ “ at Andover Savings Bank $\frac{1}{2}$ year	22 30	
“ “ “ Danvers “ “ 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ yrs.	54 96	
“ “ “ Salem “ “ (not declared)		
	<hr/>	\$488 12

CR.

By cash paid S. A. Fletcher for library supplies	\$301 91	
“ “ for safe deposit vault	10 00	
“ “ A. Shepard for care of Emerson cemetery lot	1 80	
Balance on hand	174.41	
	<hr/>	\$488 12

A. P. TYLER,	}	<i>Trustees of B. F. Emerson Fund.</i>
S. A. FLETCHER,		
M. J. EMERSON,		
M. E. TYLER,		
F. P. MERRIAM,	}	

Auditor's Report.

This is to certify that I have examined the books and accounts of the town, ending Feb. 24, 1899, and find them correct as presented in this report.

EDWIN E. CURRIER, *Auditor.*

Estimates for Next Year.

The finance committee respectfully submit the following estimates of sums to be raised to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year.

Current expenses	\$2,800 00	
Poor department	1,000 00	
Highway department	1,000 00	
Bridges	100 00	
Repairing sidewalks	50 00	
Schools	1,600 00	
High school	800 00	
Incidental school expenses	100 00	
School supplies	150 00	
Compensation to firemen	60 00	
Supplies for fire department	150 00	
Cemetery, care of	125 00	
Cutting bushes where the wood is cut off the cemetery lot	50 00	
Memorial Day	50 00	
Enforcement of liquor law	50 00	
Repairs on tramp house	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,115 00

List of Jurors.

The following list of persons qualified for Jurors, prepared and posted by the Selectmen, will be submitted to the town at the annual town meeting, for revision and acceptance :

Samuel A. Fletcher	Solomon W. Weston
John M. Peabody	Kendall F. Richardson
Frank L. Estey	Herbert H. Wilkins
Charles A. Fletcher	John H. Dempsey
Joseph W. Russell	Edwin E. Carrier
Loren G. Estey	George E. Carrier
Sylvanus Flint	Henry E. Howe
Eli E. Richardson	Austin P. Bagley

Town Meeting Warrant.

To Oscar Cram, Constable for the Town of Middleton, in the County of Essex.

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on

Monday, the thirteenth day of March, next,

at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- 2d To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
- 3d To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
- 4th To vote on the question : Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town? The vote will be by a separate ballot and the ballot shall be Yes or No in answer to said question.
- 5th To see if the Town will have cut on the town lot what wood will be necessary for the ensuing year and hauled to the lockup to be sawed and split by persons applying for a night's lodging, and determine how the wood when sawed and split shall be disposed of.
- 6th To see how much money the Town will raise to pay the tuition of the High school pupils.
- 7th To see how much money the Town will raise to defray town charges the ensuing year, and determine how the same shall be appropriated.
- 8th To see what action the Town will take in relation to discount and interest on taxes.
- 9th To act on the list of Jurors prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

10th To see what action the Town will take in regard to letting the Town Hall.

11th To see what action the Town will take in regard to enforcement of law in regard to the sale of intoxicating liquor.

12th To see what action the Town will take concerning the Cemetery.

13th To see what action the Town will take for the prevention of fires, and in respect to compensation of firemen.

14th To see what measures the Town will adopt for the removal of snow from the sidewalks.

15th By request of S. S. Haswell, to see if the Town will appropriate \$50 to fix the main street of Haswell Park from entrance at South Main street to Dean Fuller's gate.

16th To see what action the Town will take in regard to having all school children east of the Boston & Maine railroad ride in the barge which carries the east side school children to and from school.

17th To see if the Town will vote to have a hydrant at the corner of Maple and Liberty streets, and appropriate money for the same.

18th To see how much money the Town will raise for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

19th To see what action the Town will take in regard to shingling the Tramp House.

20th To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to meet current expenses, in anticipation of taxes of the present year, and payable therefrom.

21st To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed may use.

22d To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money, as may be necessary, to meet current expenses.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall and one at the Centre Post Office and one at the Post Office in South Middleton in said Town

seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this third day of March, A. D., 1899.

B. P. RICHARDSON,]	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
ASA HOWE,]		<i>of</i>
MILTON J. EMERSON, }		<i>Middleton.</i>

This Book is to be returned.

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Middleton Flint Public Library.

Extract from Regulations.

The Library will be open for the delivery of books every Tuesday evening from seven to nine o'clock, and every Saturday from three to five o'clock in the afternoon, and from six to eight o'clock in the evening. Books can be kept out three weeks unless a shorter time is expressed. Fine for a book kept out of the Library over time, one cent a day.

EXTRACT FROM CHAP. 42, OF THE ACTS OF 1872.

SECT. 1. "Whoever wilfully and maliciously or wantonly, and without cause, writes upon, injures, defaces, tears or destroys any book, plate, picture, engraving or statue belonging to any law, town, city or other public library, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars." a

